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## 1914 January

1914 01 16

Territorial recruiting week has seen the Cambridgeshire Regiment up to full strength proving patriotic feeling remains strong and true. The wave of enthusiasm is spreading with recruits coming forward in gratifying numbers in Ely, March and Soham, proving Fenmen are determined not to be outdone in sturdy patriotism by the men of Cambridge. March is experiencing a wonderful revival of military fervour; the numbers had sunk very low but now there is every prospect the Company will be brought up to full strength. – pic Col Louis Tebbutt & Capt H. Littledale, parade outside Gt St Mary's – 14 01 16 j,k,l – 430 recruits

Too Old. The ladies have thrown themselves into the Recruiting Week effort with much enthusiasm and their work has been a pleasing feature. A rather good story is told of a lady who called at various houses in Cambridge, and asked several wives whether their husbands were Territorials. The lady in question asked one comely young wife if her husband was at home, and received a negative answer. She was also informed that the husband was not a Territorial, and the wife expressed her doubts as to whether he would join the citizen army. The lady canvasser noted the number of the house and promised to call on the husband, despite the fact that the housewife continued to express grave doubts as to whether her husband would enlist. On the occasion of the next visit to the house, the wife's dubious views were realised – the man of the house was an old age pensioner! 14 01 16

## 1914 February

1914 02 06

After negotiations lasting 18 months' work has finally started on digging the foundations of the new Drill Hall and miniature rifle range on the site of the Technical Institute in East Road. It will have offices for the three Territorial units, stores for the large quantity of mobilisation equipment now needed, lecture rooms and messes. The drill hall will be the largest allowed and the range will allow a good number of targets to be used simultaneously. 14 02 06j [4.19]

1914 02 27

The undulating country between Lord's Bridge and Old North Road Stations was the scene of a sharp engagement between troops of the University Officers' Training Corps and a number of public school OTC contingents. The actual fighting was of a very heavy and determined character with one battle near Quarry Farm, Lt Eversden. The crisp crackle of rifle fire swelled in volume until it became continuous 14 02 27i

## 1914 March

1914 April

1914 May

Visit of Austro-Hungarian ambassador [455.5a.7]

1914 05 22

Wimpole Park was the scene of a fight for an imaginary buried treasure between members of the C.U. and Leys School O.T.C.s and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Cambridgeshire Regiment. All the troops travelled

from Cambridge in motor cars and motor wagenettes or on motor cycles and bicycles on Saturday night. They carried out a lengthy programme of operations, had breakfast and were back by six next morning. But the exercise was marred by the lack of independent umpires. Nobody knew how things worked out. 14 05 22b & c

### **1914 June**

1914 06 12

The field day and inspection of the Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachments was held at Linton. At the station railway wagons or carriages were prepared as for the reception of the wounded and the waiting room was fitted up with half a dozen beds with a field kitchen in the goods yard. The platform in the goods shed became a ward for less serious cases and in a siding stood the carriages used for the stretchers containing the wounded. 1914 06 12 p4

1914 06 26 CIP

County school OTC

### **1914 July**

Cambridgeshire Regiment 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion at full peace strength, 960 assembled for training – RC

1914 07 10

Cambridge Voluntary Aid Detachments and Red Cross held an exercise at Newnham College. It assumed severe fighting had been going on in Norfolk and a large number of casualties had been sent to the First Eastern General Hospital. When another train load of wounded arrived they received orders to convert Sidgwick Hall into a temporary hospital where eleven beds were provided and patients were treated for crushed hands and fractured tibia. Other nurses were prepared splints and bandages and a sceptic ward was set up 14 07 10

Red Cross Field Day: a hostile force had landed at Cromer and much fighting was taking place, forcing the First Eastern General Hospital, normally stationed here to transfer to Bedford. Wounded from a make-believe battle near Duxford ... were taken by field ambulances to a field hospital at Whittlesford Station where the platform was used for refreshment and for re-bandaging the less serious wounded. Temporary wards were erected in the station yard to be filled with the 'wounded', represented by Perse School Boy Scouts who arrived in railway goods van. 14 07 10

### **1914 August**

Cambridgeshire Regiment mobilised, 5th; contingents from Wisbech, March and Ely travel by train to Cambridge where billeted in schools including Girls County school; colours marched under escort to Gt St Mary's and handed over for safe keeping. Following morning entrained for Romford; officers and men invited to volunteer for service abroad – RC p3 Cambridgeshire Regiment Reserve Battalion authorised 31 Aug – 2/1st Battalion

St Luke's school classrooms taken 4<sup>th</sup> Cheshire Territorial Reserve; woodwork classes used make splints EGH; on Saturday woodwork classes held for Serbian refugees [446.12.2]

University assemble as usual but leave for those serving [5a.12]

2 'spies' arrested Midsummer Common [4.27]

Prices forced up by selfish actions [5a.11]

1914 08 07

The European Blaze. The long anticipated crisis has come and Cambridge is in the grip of a patriotic war fever. Of panic there is none. A few scaremongers there may be, and the voice of the Little Englander is once more to be heard ... but their screeching and squealing are only to be faintly heard in the brief lulls which occur between the surging roar of the intensely loyal, patriotic, confident band of Britishers. Cambridgeshire men are in the front rank of the battle ... amazed at the number who have responded to the call for Reservists ... Throughout the first two or three days of the week Cambridge residents experienced the feeling of tension which has been typical of the country. Large crowds of townspeople have assembled outside newspaper offices during the week, in order to learn the latest war news and when the intelligence of war with Germany became known, the tension of the previous few days was partially relieved. Cambridge members of the Naval Reserve received notices calling upon them to report themselves. The calling up of the Army Reserve had an even wider operation, employees in colleges, railwaymen, policemen, postal officials, Vanmen, etc abandoning their civil occupations at the call of the State. The railway station presented an animated scene, hundreds of Reservists arriving from all parts of the town and district and proceeding to their regimental headquarters 14 08 07 CIP

The army reservists, including a dozen members of the police force, received orders to join the colours without delay. About 20 left Cambridge station that evening by the mail trail. They received a hearty send off from a crowd of 250 which included a cornet player from the Salisbury Club. The train was a little late and the men had a long wait which was enlivened when the crowd sang patriotic songs. When the train steamed out the crowd sang 'Auld Lang Syne' and cheered till it was out of sight 14 08 07

How Cambridge Mobilised. Throughout the first two or three days of the week Cambridge residents experienced the feeling of tension which has been typical of the country. Large crowds of townspeople have assembled outside newspaper offices during the week, in order to learn the latest war news, and such anxiety has not been displayed since the dark days of the South African War. Until the early hours of Wednesday morning, large numbers of Cambridge people paraded the streets in the hope of hearing some news as to the reply of Germany to the British ultimatum, and when the intelligence of war with Germany became known, the tension of the previous few days was partially relieved. Late on Sunday, and early on Monday morning, Cambridge members of the Naval Reserve received notices calling upon them to re-port themselves at their respective headquarters. There was a large number of Naval Reservists in Cambridge, and the men immediately proceeded to Portsmouth, Chatham and other important naval centres. While the effect of the withdrawal of the naval men did not have so drastic an effect as the orders had in coast towns, it was rather surprising to find that in Cambridge there were so many ex-naval men and Marines who had settled down to landsmen's work in the inland town. The calling up of the Army Reserve had an even wider operation, employees in colleges, railwaymen, policemen, postal officials, Vanmen, etc., abandoning their civil occupations at the call of the State. The railway station presented an animated scene, hundreds of Reservists arriving from all parts of the town and district and proceeding to their regimental headquarters. The local Staff officers of the Territorial Force lso responded to the summons, and rejoined their regiments - 14 08 07 CIP

The Cambridge squadron of the Royal Suffolk Yeomanry paraded and were sent to their billets at Ross Street School and the County Girls School. A number of others were quartered in the Corn Exchange. The streets presented a military appearance. Territorials in uniform carrying their kit bags and rifles were to be seen. Officers in motorcars or motor cycles and orderlies on bicycles were hurrying to and fro, sentries with fixed bayonets were posted at the Corn Exchange and vehicular traffic stopped by the police 14 08 07

Men of the First Eastern General Hospital were quartered in Corn Exchange Street. An elaborate scheme was drawn up fir constituting Cambridge a great hospital centre and the various college buildings were mapped out for conversion into wards. But this scheme is intended in case of invasion

and it is to be hoped will never be needed. At present the need is for accommodation at places where wounded men are likely to be landed 14 08 07

Prices of provisions have been forced up almost to famine pitch by the selfish actions of people who are laying in large supplies. The cost of all foodstuffs have gone up by leaps and bounds: on Tuesday sugar and butter rose a halfpenny a pound, flour four pence a stone and butter to one shilling and sixpence. Cambridge Co-op admits there was a temporary shortage but there is sufficient stuff at the docks and there should be no real shortage. Butchers decided to raise the price of meat due to the increased cost of cattle and pigs. Mt Adkins said he was selling the bone with the meat at the same price for which he previously sold the meat alone

On the news of German and French mobilisation there was a general exodus of students of both nationalities who were attending the Summer Meeting. On Sunday morning a group of about a dozen German students were on the station platform early, waiting for the first train to London

Local farmers have expressed fears they will not be able to get through their harvest because the Government wants their horses for military purposes. But definite instructions have been given not to take any horses required for harvest. At the same time horses are greatly needed and the public will be doing a great and patriotic service if they will place all they can possibly spare at the disposal of the government by notifying the nearest police station. Major Phillips of the Hussars is in Newmarket purchasing hacks for the Government. Prices offered are as high as £50 for anything special. Army officers and men are similarly engaged in Cambridge

1914 08 14

Cambridge scouts guard telephone exchange - 14 08 14 p2

Arrangements are in hand for the accommodation of a very large number of wounded in the event of Cambridge being established as a base hospital and completely equipped wards have been fitted up in many of the colleges. Nearly 100 Army Nursing Corps nurses have been quartered at Downing College and a large number of beds lent by various colleges. Scores of voluntary workers are making clothing. Accommodation for 500 wounded may be required when the Great Court of Trinity College would become a huge temporary hospital 14 08 14 p5

Red Cross hospitals have been equipped throughout the county. At Cottenham 40 beds are ready at one hour's notice, 25 are ready for wounded at Histon Council School, Oakington has 15. At Waterbeach the Baptist Sunday Schoolroom is equipped as a hospital with nurses in uniform presenting a neat appearance. At Newmarket thirty beds are fitted in the King Edward VII Memorial Hall. Should 100 wounded men be sent further beds will be fitted in the Astley Institute, Town Hall and Technical Institute. 14 08 14 p8. Shepreth VAD could have a hospital for 26 patients ready within 24 hours. 14 08 14 p5

There has been a splendid response to Lord Kitchener's appeal for men; each day large numbers have signed on at the Corn Exchange including Jack Child, the well-known boxer Langley as despatch rider 14 08 14 p5

Cambridge Yeomanry marched from the stores in Panton Street to the railway station where they loaded their baggage into luggage vans. A number of horses were requisitioned in the station yard, including a cab horse which was taken out of the cab, unharnessed, then placed in a horse van. A butcher's horse was handed over. A country trap came into the yard to convey sad tidings to three of the men that their father had died. It was impossible for them to return home and they had to remain with their comrades. Finally a special train including vans loaded with machine guns and ammunition pulled out while the crowd sang 'Rule Britannia' 14 08 14 p6

Territorials paraded on Parker's Piece then marched at ease, their rifles slung or at the slope as it pleased them off to the station 14 08 14 p6

Cambridge scouts guard telephone exchange - 14 08 14 p2

Rumours of the presence of spies have been circulating during the last few days. At Warboys the telegraph wire which rings the signal bell at the station on the Somersham to Ramsey branch line was cut during the night and another partially severed. Two foreign gentlemen were seen by Mr W.J. Unwin acting in a suspicious manner at Histon. He followed them to Girton and at each of the three bridges they stopped and examined them. At Girton he phoned the police and a constable was sent out. The men were requested to go to the police station which they did without demure and after questioning were liberated at once. Meanwhile police have been issued with rifles 14 08 14 p7

How Long Will the War Last? The question of how long this great war is likely to last interests every soul in Europe, but it is astonishing to see how wide apart are the different estimates. From three weeks to three years have been suggested as the probable duration of the contest, with every variety of intermediate estimate, and it is evident that few people have given the matter much serious thought (says the "Times" military correspondent). This whirlpool of wars, in which we are suddenly engulfed, we must regard from the German point of view, because Germany has been the aggressor and would be the peacemaker. For Germany a long dragging war is sheer disaster. Her position between two great and hostile military states, the closing of the sea and the paralysis of her whole maritime industries together with the danger which her overseas colonies will incur, absolutely prohibits any German from thinking of a dragging war. There are certainly four, it may be six, million Germans in arms, counting garrisons, depots and reserve, and though German financial experts who have written on war have suggested ways and means for raising the wind for a period of six months, no one has been able to see beyond that term, and moreover the calculation has not been considered that more than three million men will be in the field. – 1914 08 14 CIP

Wages of Men on Active Service. At a meeting of the Cambridge Town Council yesterday, Councillor Raynes, on behalf of the Paving, etc., Committee, said that 13 men of the permanent staff had been called up for active service. Their wages varied from 3s. 4d. to 3s. 10d. per day, and it was suggested that during their absence, their position be kept open, and that half-pay should be given. Ald Stace said that other Committees were similarly affected, and he hoped that they would bear this in mind, and treat their employees in the way suggested. Councillor Negus: "It is important that all Committees should act on the same lines, and it is just a question as to whether this ought not to be referred to the General Purposes Committee so that uniform action may be taken (hear, hear). The question was referred to the General Purposes Committee, with power to act. – 14 08 14 CIP

1914 08 16

Soldiers encamped on Common, Brunswick Walk residents bring pails of water for men, hot meals etc; people flock to see & give fruit though soldiers pestered by hawkers; refreshment tents & waiting rooms established, Wesley Church opens recreation room & would pray for individuals, but pubs close at 9pm - 14 08 16 [4.21,5a.13,6.9]

Boy Scouts allowed to shoot on miniature rifle range, aid VAD – 14 08 16 [4.20, 4.23]

1914 08 21

Exchange and the Prince Albert, Ely. The troops encamped in Cambridge appreciate the way patriotic men and women have welcomed them and ministered to their comforts. Every camp has a tent where tea and coffee, bread and cakes can be obtained with another for reading or writing letters. A post box is cleared every two hours and a stall set up selling envelopes and pencils. It is one of the finest camping grounds they have ever been upon and the large well-kept open spaces are well suited to their new use. 14 08 21 p5

East Coast resorts are recovering from the panic which, when the war broke out, caused many Cambridge people to abandon their holidays. Rumours have circulated that visitors to Gt Yarmouth and Gorleston-on-Sea have been requested to leave and no persons are allowed on the sands.

Steamships are running along the coast between London and ports in the north of England, proof that no danger exists either to shipping or coastal towns. There is no shortage of food.

Cambridge pubs are to close at 9pm during the presence of the military in the town. It is important that all who are in training here should be guarded against excesses. Cambridge residents are largely to blame for the drunkenness seen during the past few days. They have been encouraging drinking by treating the soldiers, causing a great deal of trouble to the military

Recruiting for the Second Army is going on well with centres set up at Cambridge Corn Exchange and the Prince Albert, Ely. The troops encamped in Cambridge appreciate the way patriotic men and women have welcomed them and ministered to their comforts. Every camp has a tent where tea and coffee, bread and cakes can be obtained with another for reading or writing letters. A post box is cleared every two hours and a stall set up selling envelopes and pencils. It is one of the finest camping grounds they have ever been upon and the large well-kept open spaces are well suited to their new use. 14 08 21 p5

Cambridge as hospital base, Leys school

Soldier fatalities, Midsummer Common

Last Sunday Mr Arthur Savidge of Cottenham ran his bus to Cambridge to give the people an opportunity of seeing the large number of troops in the town. There was a full load of passengers and he has handed the proceeds to Mrs Hayden Cox for the Cottenham Red Cross Society's fund. The village of Rampton is doing its best and will equip beds while Miss Ivatt of the Manor House will provide rooms, fully equipped, if necessary

Busy Histon Factory. A brisk time is being experienced at the Histon factory of Messrs Chivers and Sons, jam and preserve manufacturers, and the greater number of employees who were recently temporarily suspended have been re-engaged in order to cope with demands which have been made on the factory. The sudden mobilisation of the British Army has resulted in an enormous increase of business to the large firms who manufacture and deal in food products. It is almost impossible for the general public to realise what the feeding and equipment of a great army really involves, but the resources of reputable firms throughout the country are being taxed to the full in order to fulfil the large contracts which are being given out. Fortunately a large share of this business is being participated in locally, Messrs. Chivers having received some substantial Army contracts for jams. In order to execute these orders and to meet the increase of general business which has resulted from the declaration of war, Messrs. Chivers' factory at Histon is working at high pressure, thus giving beneficial employment to a large amount of Cambridge labour which would otherwise have been idle. -14 08 21 CIP

1914 08 22

Certain colleges closed, American visitors refused admission to Trinity & Pembroke [4.25, 5a.12]

1914 08 28

The War and Cambridge Trade. So far as Cambridge and the war is concerned (writes Free Lance), I am glad to notice that trade has not suffered in any greater proportion than in other parts of the country; as a matter of fact, I believe I should be right in saying that, compared with other places of its size, Cambridge has suffered less in this respect. This is to be accounted for by fact that August and September are months looked upon as to all intents and purposes dead so far as Cambridge business is concerned, so that with the advent of the troops many of our tradespeople are in the happy position of being able to boast of a larger turn-over than is usual at this time of the year. The various Relief Funds are coming in splendidly, both in town and county. What I should like to see however is a larger response to Lord Kitchener's appeal for his Second Army. Hitherto, Cambridge could never be accused of lack of patriotism as at the beginning of the year was amply demonstrated by the large number who flocked to enrol in the Territorial Force. Now it is up to our young men to come forward

and give further evidence of Cambridgeshire's loyalty and patriotism by offering their service to the Empire in its hour of need. – 14 08 28 CIP

Cambridge people are adding to the comfort of the soldiers encamped here. A refreshment tent has been set up for the artillerymen on the Polo Ground at Trumpington with another on Mr Matthew's meadow, Cherry Hinton Road. The Church Institute allows soldiers the use of their billiard table. There is a reading room in the Newnham School for the camp on Lammas Ground and a games room at the Prospect Church in Eden Street with writing material and picture postcards. Many socks for soldiers are being taken to the small striped tent on Midsummer Common and shirts would also be appreciated 14 08 28 p4

1914 08 28

Soldier from Stourbridge common camp drowns 14 08 28 p5

A novel concert was given for men encamped on Midsummer Common: the motor launch Viscountess Bury was moored beside the bank at Stourbridge Common and its top deck used by the Magpies Concert Party was a platform. The launch was a pretty sight, decorated with vari-coloured lights and hundreds of men, including officers, sat on the sloping bank. Each song was enthusiastically enjoyed. The vicar of Chesterton gave an address during the interval and invited the men to attend Holy Communion on Sunday morning 14 08 28 p7

A respectable Chesterton chimney sweep was charged with buying two pairs of woollen pants from soldiers camped on Midsummer Common. A constable on duty in plain clothes saw a soldier put something in a white pillowslip he was carrying; when challenged accused said it was food for his children. He found banana, meat and some mackerel, but there were also two pairs of pants with a regimental number – 6178, also W.D. and the broad arrow. The soldier said he was short of money and did not want them; they were hot, woollen things and not necessary at this time of year. Other men stole pants soldiers had washed and put on railings to dry 14 08 28 p7

The Cambridge Summer Meeting concluded with an enjoyable social meeting. The attendance was not large, many of the students having been compelled to leave prematurely because of the war, while some are unable to return to their own countries. Hospitality for these unfortunate students is being kindly provided by Cambridge friends.

Undergraduate arrested as spy in Germany

Patriotic Cambridge has furnished a squadron of Yeomanry and 129 recruits for Lord Kitchener's Second Army. Many firms are making provision for wives and families left behind, supplementing the men's army wages. The University Press has sent 61 men, the Gas Company 35, Eaden Lilley 18 and William Saint the builder 17. (The paper lists the names of the men). Several men have left Sawston and at Reach Jack Ridgell offered his services but was not accepted, he being just over the age limit of 42 years. But at Linton men were asked not to join up until the harvest has been gathered in. also Fulbourn, Histon, Fen Drayton,

1914 08 30

Cambridge horrified by German sack of Louvain, here "the University Library, Senate House & Kings College chapel would be fired, shell-fire would rake the range of colleges along the Backs & the University Labs razed to the ground. Mayor & Vice-Chancellor, ministers of religion & editors of newspapers would be lined up & shot, male inhabitants herded into compounds & women & children driven out" [4.26]

1914 08 31

First Eastern General Hospital moves from Leys school to Trinity College, arrangements for 500 wounded – 14 08 31 [3.3,5a.14]

## 1914 September

14 enemy aliens arrested [3.8]

2<sup>nd</sup> army recruits sent Cambridge for training, other depots full [5a.15]

Regular troops who camped on commons leave Cambridge 130 wounded arrive [3.6]

Temporary hospitals Clare playing fields [5a.19]

1914 09 04

Cambridge is one of the principal base hospitals to which the brave men wounded at Mons have been brought, 150 are now being cared for at King's College, to which the First Eastern General Hospital has been transferred from the Leys School. They include a Cambridge man, Leonard Cornwell of Gwydir Street, who was the very last to be placed in the train. So within a month of his departure he is back in his own town bearing marks of the terrible conflict. 14 09 04

The train with wounded from the front was delayed. Rooms on the Great Northern platform were converted into wards for serious cases before being taken to hospital. Outside a fleet of motor cars and tradesmen's vans converted to ambulances were ready to take the men to the First Eastern Hospital now at Trinity College. It was not easy to lift the badly-wounded men out of the carriages but stretchers were placed on luggage trolleys and wheeled slowly along the platform. There were tears in the eyes of onlookers 14 09 04 p7

The presence of the military has greatly improved the trade prospects of Cambridge and there is no immediate fear of unemployment. The end of the Long Vacation is always a slack time but at the moment the town is busier than usual. It is not certain the town can rely on the continued presence of troops throughout the war and many firms are not sure how they can keep going. The printing trade has been hit by the stoppage of trade circulars and advertisements, builders say contracts have been postponed putting plasterers & stonemasons out of work and the position of college servants and is being considered. The problems of lodging house keepers may be overcome by the billeting of officers and the presence of relatives of the men in the hospitals. But they may not get the rent usually paid by undergraduates. In laundry work the hospitals and military have gone to the larger laundries and demand from ordinary householders has decreased due to motives of economy. Tailors have sufficient work owing to the army orders but women's outfitting department report a shortage of custom. Several jobbing gardeners are out of work & owners of unused plots should consider putting them into cultivation to grow vegetables. 14 09 04 p

Stourbridge common camp soldier drowns, Longley rescue

Cambridge lady's journey through France

Heroes of Mons. Stirring scenes were witnessed at Cambridge on Monday evening, when, with thrilling cheers and tears of sympathy, a large crowd welcomed to the University town, now one of the most important Red Cross Hospital centres, 150 wounded soldiers. The wounded were mostly from the regiments which took part in the fierce fighting at Mons (Belgium) and were brought up from Southampton, where they were landed on Monday. - 14 09 04 CIP

"A Righteous and Holy War". Preaching at a drumhead service on Jesus Green, Cambridge, on Sunday morning, the Bishop of Ely (Dr. F. H. Chase) said: "We believe—I have thought about it a great deal—that this is a righteous and holy war. It is that God's rule may come in ways which we cannot understand. And we are as sure as sure can be that God hates as you and I hate, only infinitely more, these acts of cowardly cruelty of which we read in the papers, and He would have these acts—these cowardly and cruel acts—stopped. So you are going out as deliverers in God's Name . . . You are going out, it may be, in God's Providence, as deliverers to take your part in making God's Will done on earth. He may not give us victory so soon as we could wish, but I am certain that never has a prayer been offered which God has not heard, and in His own time, has answered. And so, my

Brothers, remember to pray at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day of hard work and danger." - 14 09 04 CIP

600 Volunteer for the Front. At a meeting of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association held at the County Hall, Cambridge, on Monday, at which the Lord Lieutenant was present, and Mr. C. R. W. Adeane in the chair, the following resolution was passed unanimously, amidst applause.— "That the County Association has heard with pride and satisfaction that Col. Tebbutt the officers, the N.C.O.'s and 600 men of the Cambridgeshire, Regiment had volunteered for foreign service, and assures Col. Tebbutt that it will do its utmost to bring the regiment up to war strength." - 14 09 04 CIP

1914 09 05

Men come forward "now they know the facts", Rolls of Honour produced [5.1]

1914 09 11

Battle of Mons report, p2

All troops departed from Cambridge, p4

Cambridge as a training centre, p4

German barbarities – letter from Cambridge Hospital, p6

Cambridge recruits, p8

When the war began Cambridge Scouts were anxious to help and a committee was formed. Requests came from every quarter. For the first fortnight Scout patrols, aided by members of the C.U.O.T.C., guarded by day and night the important telegraph wires on the Newmarket to London road. Some were sent to Ramsgate and Sandwich to do coastguard work until replaced by military authorities. Others assisted in the recreation and refreshment tents for the military camps on Midsummer Common, Coldham's Common, Coe Fen, Parker's Piece, Huntingdon Road and Stourbridge Common. They have provided a secretary and bugler for Major Comber at Pembroke College and at Corpus the Board of Military Studies has used them as messengers. They have collected large quantities of magazines and papers for the military hospitals at the Leys School and Trinity College. Now they are returning to school

Lieut R MacLeod of Cambridge, who was wounded during the fighting at Mons, gave an interesting account of his 'holiday' at a recruiting meeting in Waterbeach. The Germans outnumbered us by five to one. They came on in masses and we mowed them down. But still they kept coming. They burned our transport so we got no breakfast but locals gave us eggs and fruit. We hung on to the position as long as we could but they got up to the right and left and enfiladed us from both flanks. We managed to save all our guns, though lots of teams were shot down. I was wounded in trying to get a team, he said. The cavalry did very fine work as did the aeroplanes

Sawston Hall was attacked by some of the troops based in Cambridge. The crack of rifles was heard about midnight and patrols were seen crawling along by the roadside; cycles and foot passengers were challenged. One man was frightened out of his wits, fearing the Germans were upon him. At dawn the attackers bore down on the defenders' left but they held their positions stubbornly until a large body of cavalry plunged into their midst 'wiping them out'. Victory was declared in favour of the attackers who then took breakfast with Mr Huddleston at the Hall. Sawston Co-operative Society arranged the catering.

"The Cambridgeshires". At a meeting held at Cambridge, over which the Mayor (Mr. J. A. Sturton) presided, and addresses were given by the Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., Mr. Almeric Paget, M.P., Mr. H. Spender and others, the following resolution was carried: "That this meeting is of strong opinion that the recruits now being raised in Cambridgeshire shall form part of a regiment of the line to be called the Cambridgeshires." – 1914 09 11 CIP

1914 09 13

Cambridge Daily News War Bulletin of 13 Sept 1914 gave impression war almost over – 66 09 16

1914 09 18

Cambridge man in Heligoland battle, p2

New military hospital to be constructed on King's playing fields, p5

Cambridgeshire Regiment & Second Army roll honour – names, p6

The coroner heard that an officer had been admitted to the 1st Eastern General Hospital suffering from a bladder complaint that meant he was unable to march. He was given a tent to himself and an orderly to attend him. Officers retained their clothes and kit, including a service revolver. He was found lying on the floor bleeding from the mouth with the loaded revolver across his chest.

The proprietor of the Old Castle Inn, Cambridge, said he supplied horses to the army; he had sold all his animals and visited Histon men seeking more. He'd told them the army wanted the horses and would take them; they would pay less than he offered and they'd have to wait for the money. He made it clear he was buying to sell again and wanted to make a bit of profit. But the farmer got the impression he was buying on behalf of the Government and complained to the police.

A Petroleum inspector said Mr Moss, motor proprietor of Hills Road was licensed for 200 gallons of petrol. There was none in the garage but in the yard there were five barrels, some were leaking and there was a danger of fire. In the stable were tanks containing petrol with more at the Bell Hotel. Mr Moss said there was a tremendous demand from the military and it had to be supplied. He'd risked future business by refusing petrol to his private customers. All the petrol was confiscated and he was fined.

There were at present about 1,000 soldiers based in Cambridge with another 1,000 expected. All the tents were being used by other troops and winter was coming. The Corn Exchange was unsatisfactory because of the small sanitary arrangements. The Girls' and Boys' county school were already being used and now the military wanted Morley Memorial and the Melbourne Place schools for the training of recruits. Emmanuel Church was prepared to give the free use of their schoolroom for the education of the children. The alternative was billeting troops on the better class houses where better class people could supervise them. But the University had been approached and the schools might not be needed, councillors heard.

1914 09 25

Hopwood experiences, Kitchener's army 14 09 25

Military occupation of schools & Melbourne Place school soldiers p7

Cambridge & Louvain, p7

Civilian Drill & Rifle Club formed, - 450 enrol, made butt of jokes [5.3,5a.22]

Wounded Soldiers. — About 200 wounded soldiers arrived after a long and tiring journey by rail and sea from the front. There were comparatively few Cambridge people at the railway station when the special trains arrived, and with all possible speed under the circumstances the wounded men were conveyed to the East Anglian Divisional Hospital at Trinity College. 14 09 25 CIP

A complete military hospital to accommodate 520 patients is to be built on college playing fields, Burrell's Walk. The hospital has to be completed within a month – indeed a considerable part is required within a fortnight so that the present hospital at Trinity College may be vacated before term commences. It will comprise of five wards with 100 beds in each, a supply block, operating theatre, mortuary kitchens etc. This means working at top pressure, night and day. When complete it will be one of the largest of its kind 14 09 25

Nearly 200 wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge in two specially-fitted ambulance trains. They had come straight off the hospital ship that had brought them from France; some had been travelling for four days. They lay on beds arranged in two tiers along the sides of long compartments and were

carried on stretchers to the ambulance vans waiting outside the station. Quite a large crowd waited patiently for several hours to see them arrive and give them a cheer as they were brought out. 14 09 25 Wounded Soldiers. About 200 wounded soldiers arrived in Cambridge in the early hours of Wednesday morning after a long and tiring journey by rail and sea from the front. There were comparatively few Cambridge people at the railway station when the special trains arrived, and with all possible speed under the circumstances the wounded men were conveyed to the East Anglian Divisional Hospital at Trinity College.

County roads must be improved for military transport. Some need to be widened and corners rounded off with the War Office paying much of the cost. At Coton the road will run through Mr Hunt's stackyard, Grantchester church corner needs taking off; the road at Cherry Hinton t needs widening near the Robin Hood with more widening in Fulbourn village. All will be strengthened to carry artillery. The idea is to get the military from the west top east without going through Cambridge.

Cambridge Men on Torpedoed Ships. News of the disaster to three of the cruisers of the British Fleet was officially known on Tuesday. Cambridge men are stated to have been on each of the; three cruisers. H.M. ships Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy were each torpedoed by German submarines and sank. The local men known to have been on board are: H.M.S.; Aboukir: Midshipman C. A. G. Cooke, son of Dr. K. Cooke, Bridge Street, Cambridge. Mr. Cooke was among those saved. HMS Hogue: First Class P.O. Percy James Warrington, Union Road, Cambridge (reported to be safe and to have been landed at Harwich), Signalman John Toombs, East Road, Cambridge and Naval. Reservist J. L. Claydon, 6, Benson Street, Cambridge; H.M.S. Cressy: Naval Reservist O. Hinson, 57, Garden Walk, Cambridge: Mr. Hinson, who is a married man with one child, has been employed at King's College as a gate porter for about six years. Midshipman Cooke said he was in the water for three quarters of an hour before being picked up by one of the Cressy's cutters. He was afterwards taken on a fishing trawler, later transferred to H.M.S. Legion and landed at Harwich. He is now home in Cambridge on a short leave. Mr. W. Maskell of Sawston, who had a son serving on the Aboukir, received a telegram from him on Wednesday morning to inform him he was among those saved.

Mr & Mrs Kerry of Mill Road have received news of the death of their son, serving with the 16th Lancers. His sergeant wrote: 'Walter was shot about one o'clock and died three-and-a-half hours later. He was conscious up to the finish. He told me to tell you that his last thoughts were with you all and that he died like a man. Poor young Horlock, of Cambridge, was thrown from his horse and hurt at the same time, but he is not seriously injured'

1914 09 26

Melbourn Place school used to quarter troops, a military bread depot established at .P. Hawkins bakers Parsonage Street & area full of army wagons [5a.2, 3.5,5a.16]

## 1914 October

Less than half the usual number of undergraduates, lodging house keepers suffer [5a.20]

Barracks for Cambridgeshire battalion Suffolk Regiment started Cherry Hinton Road [3.9]

1914 10 02

Cambridge Battalion regular army raised

EA Field Hospital men inoculated

Half men up this term – impact on lodging house keepers

Trumpington Drift to be widened and strengthened for military purposes and will be known as Queen Edith's Way

Signaller Toombs account submarine attack

Affect on academic year

Wounded Soldiers Return. About five weeks ago, thousands of British soldiers were under canvas at Cambridge in readiness for departure to the Front. Their destination was unknown, and it was naturally surmised by the men that they would be going to Belgium. Yesterday afternoon some of these soldiers returned to Cambridge, maimed in some cases and badly wounded in other cases. The ambulance train arrived at Cambridge about 5 p.m., and contained 130 wounded men from infantry, cavalry and artillery regiments. In 30 cases the soldiers were unable to walk, and were carried from the train on stretchers by the local members of the Voluntary Aid Detachments, and thence to Trinity College, the headquarters of the 1st Eastern General Hospital (T). Included in the wounded were men of the East and West Yorks. Regiments, Royal Fusiliers, R.H.A., Norfolks and Suffolks, and a large proportion of them were men of the Brigade which was encamped in Cambridge recently. 14 10 02  
CIP

More wounded arrive, including a number of men recently at Cambridge who expressed their delight at returning to the place they were so well treated. Amongst them was the Haslingfield postman who cheerfully called 'I told you I should come back'. At Trinity College bugler Edwin Royston, who was on duty at the gate, suddenly recognised his half-brother, Serg. Hubert Wootten, among the wounded. He did not know he'd gone to the front, much less that he was returned. Both brothers belong to Cambridge, their relatives living in Willow Walk - 14 10 02

Cambridge Automobile Company was charged with storing petrol in Sturton Street without a licence. People had become panicky and were buying petrol and storing it in their gardens and elsewhere. So the company purchased the petrol for use of military and medical men to be sold at ordinary pre-war prices lest a shortage should arise. They'd asked the Chief Constable if they could store it in Sturton Street. They did not know there was a petroleum inspector but there was, and he seized it. They were fined but the petrol was returned - 14 10 02

1914 10 09 CIP

Langley tried rescue drowning soldier, Cambridge, p3  
Hodder despatch rider reports, p7

The work of raising and training the new Cambridgeshire Battalions is proceeding very satisfactorily. Recruits are being treated well, comfortably houses, warmly clothed and well fed. Their physical improvement has been great and they have mastered the rudiments of drill and learned fixing and unfixing bayonets. When rifles arrive they will be well fitted to bear them. 14 10 09

Troops are based at Melbourne Place School and the County Girls' School where classrooms make admirable barrack rooms. The men sleep on the floor in straw palliasses – canvas bags filled with straw – and a blanket apiece. The kitchens are well equipped and the catering in the hands of Mr G.P. Hawkins of the Dorothy Café. 14 10 09

At Melbourne Place school canteens have been installed adjoining the dining hall. Mr Dodds of the Abbey Stores, Abbey Road has one counter where soldiers can obtain all kinds of groceries, sardines, apples and walnuts together with writing materials, boot polish, braces and bachelors' buttons. Everything is sold at moderate prices. A penny will purchase almost anything in stock. At the wet canteens men can obtain beer or minerals and hot coffee is supplied night and morning. 'Reveille' is sounded at 6 a.m. and, after coffee, men have a spell of Swedish exercises before breakfast. Then there are lectures on musketry or guard-mounting by NCOs, all old soldiers, followed by drill. After dinner there is a short period for a smoke or a look at the papers. Afternoon parade and drill follows, then a lecture before the men go for a short route march during which they are allowed to smoke and exercise their vocal abilities in 'Tipperary'. After tea they are free until 9 pm. Uniform and boots for the soldiers based at Melbourne Place School are expected to arrive shortly. Meanwhile they are wearing their civilian attire but have been issued with shirts and socks. The men seem happy and well-pleased with their lot. One farm labourer from Wood Ditton says "I'm better off now than I ever was. My guvnor's payi8ng me seven shillings a week and I'm getting seven bob here and board and lodgings and clothes". He was contemplating marriage before the call to arms came but he and his

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Military roads - Stretham to Soham, one of four to allow different armies to move from west to east at same time without going through Cambridge. The first from Potton though Harston to Whittlesford and Pampisford and on to London Road near Hildersham. Sinuous road through Grantchester and Trumpington on to Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn and away on the Newmarket Road. Another down Huntingdon Road, across Midsummer Common and along Newmarket Road. Huntingdon, Wilburton & Stretham where new road would start. Newmarket RDC to make and improve road from Cam through Wicken. At one point there was a green track where the whole of the road would be constructed. At Wicken there was another piece of road about eight feet wide where flint would need to be pressed in. Through Wicken the road was a good second class decent road.

A soldier from the Gloucester Regiment, lying in Trinity College, writes "I am a wounded soldier who has lost his leg whilst fighting at the front. I had it taken off by Lieut.-Col. Deighton at Cambridge Hospital, which was a great relief to me and saved my life. I wish to thank all the visitors who came in to see us wounded soldiers and for the presents I have received. We get treated very well and the nurses and sisters are so kind and gentle. A choir comes to sing on two evenings. It is lovely and we enjoy it so much. I am proud to say that I lost my leg for King and country. Others including Sawston 14 10 09

1914 10 16 CIP

Chesterton soldier's leave, p2

Higher Grade Pupils based elsewhere as soldiers have school, p3

Comforts for soldiers, p4

Troops may be based Parker's Piece, p5

A wounded soldier lying at Cambridge Military Hospital has a nightmare every night. "We had captured eight German guns when the enemy were reinforced with 4,000 more men. One of the shells we call 'coal boxes' came amongst us, killing 60 of us and leaving just me and a Coldstream Guard. We were wounded but pretended to be dead. German cavalry rode over where we lay, the wheels of one of the gun carriages going over my foot. Next morning we found our comrades all cut to pieces. Every time I close my eyes I go through it again"

Another trainload of wounded Belgian soldiers arrived at the station and were taken to the Hospital at Trinity College. Now 100 Belgian refugees are expected who will be housed temporarily in the Corn Exchange before they are found homes. Not many households can take a whole family but streets might share them. Professors from the University of Louvain professors have arrived and a room at the Engineering Laboratory made available for lectures

Mr G.W. Hodder has received a letter from his son with a German bullet hole clean through it. He was carrying it in his jacket pocket at the time. 'Bim' writes: "We are quartered in a hay-loft; it is a bit smelly but its warm and dry after nights spent under the stars. We have got Roger Hepburn of Magdalene with us. He is one of the best. There have been things to see which re not good for human sight – men torn to pieces. The only thing I have been really badly off for is boots."

A Call to Civilians.—I am asked (writes Free Lance) to call the attention of all civilians to the fact that a general meeting under the auspices of the Cambridge Civilian Drill and Sporting Club is called for Monday evening at 8.15 at the Castle Hotel. It will certainly not reflect to the credit of the Borough of Cambridge unless we can secure a total enrolment of several thousands of civilians not eligible for the Regular Army, and who are willing to put themselves into training so that they may be of service to their country should the necessity arise

Had Britain Winked at Germany's Cruelty? Speaking at the Free Church (Cherry Hinton) on Sunday evening. Gipsy Smith, referring to the war, said: "There are some people whose minds become confused when they think of the war and see the amount of suffering. It is not of great importance whether we live or not, but it is of great importance whether we do right or wrong. If England had winked at Germany's Cruelty and murder, we should; have been cruel murderers ourselves. I, for myself, would rather die.

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Two military funerals took place from the First Eastern General Hospital at Trinity College. One body was sent in a coffin wrapped in a Union Jack to the station and put on a train to Durham. The railway expenses were generously defrayed by Nurse Keep. The funeral of other, Arthur Larkin of the Royal Scots, was held at Newmarket Road cemetery. He'd been wounded at Mons and the cause of death was tetanus. Bugler Royston sounded the 'Last Post' 14 10 16

1914 10 23 CIP

Belgian refugees Sawston, Histon, concert, Huntingdon, list Cambridge names & where billeted; p3  
Caxton Infectious Diseases Hospital to be used, p2

Bethune inspects troops Parkers Piece & EGH, p5

Mansfield kia, p5

Civilian Drill club inaugural meeting, p7

Alien Enemies at Cambridge. Fourteen alien enemies have been arrested in Cambridge, and the men have been dispatched to a military camp. The arrests were made by the local police in pursuance of an order of the Home Office directing the police to arrest all Germans, Austrians and Hungarians of military age and to hand them over to the military authorities. This order followed on Wednesday's announcement that the measures hitherto adopted by the Government for the detection and suppression of espionage were being reconsidered

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When the war broke out a number of German women were in Cambridge for the University Extension Course. One of them has described her experiences in the 'Cologne Gazette' which is strictly anti-English. She says that they had been cut off from their families and were without money. They were

taken into families who helped them, raised funds, took them to the station and arranged for their journey home. They were treated courteously in every respect. 14 10 23

A new barracks is to be erected on the flying ground on Cherry Hinton Road, recently used by Gustav Hamel. It will provide for 1,000 men, thirty to a hut. It needs to be completed in six weeks and jobs will be found for 400 men, working day and night. The builders are W. Sindall. It will include officers' mess, cookhouses, shower baths, horse shelters, stores and guard houses together with a comfortable institute with reading room and canteen. 14 10 23

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First Cambs. Officer to Fall. Deep regret has been caused throughout Cambridgeshire by the official news that Captain Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton, of the 2nd Life Guards, of Trumpington Hall, was killed in action near Roulers on Monday, October 19. The news was conveyed to members of the deceased officer's family on Friday evening. His Majesty the King, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, and Her Majesty the Queen have telegraphed their deep sympathy to Canon and Mrs. Pemberton. Captain Pemberton, who was 29 years of age, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. He entered the Army in 1907, and received a captaincy in August last. In May, 1912, he was seconded from his regiment (the 2nd Life Guards) to take up duties of cavalry instructor to the Oxford and Cambridge Officers' Training Corps. The appointment would have expired next March, but on the declaration of war he was recalled to his regiment. Capt. Pemberton was extremely popular and at both Oxford and Cambridge had a large circle of friends. Widespread sympathy is felt for the Canon, Mrs. Pemberton, Miss Pemberton and the widow in their great loss. The news was received with, the deepest regret in Trumpington, where Capt. Pemberton was much beloved. He was a fine all-round sportsman, a splendid cricketer, a keen huntsman and an extraordinarily good shot. He was a member of the County Cricket Club, and Vice-President and member of the Trumpington Cricket Club. Shortly before the declaration of war he played for the Village cricket club in their county cup-tie against New Chesterton Institute. He had a great natural gift for music. Capt. Pemberton is the first Trumpington man who has fallen in the war. He is also the first Cambridgeshire officer who has died for his country in this great struggle. The Trumpington estate has been in the Pemberton family since 1675, when it was bought by Francis Pemberton, who became Chief Justice of England and presided at the state trial of Lord Russell. From Francis Pemberton the Trumpington estate has come down in direct line to Captain Pemberton's mother. 14 10 28, 14 10 30 CIP

1914 10 30

Recruiting, p5

Wounded entertained at New Theatre, p5

Belgians entertained at Playhouse, p5

Haynes on German atrocities

More Wounded Arrive. A Great Western Red Cross train arrived at Cambridge on Monday evening with a number of wounded soldiers from the front, including many men of the 6th Division, who were recently at Cambridge. There were 174 patients, including 33 cot cases, and 156 of the men were taken to the 1st Eastern General Hospital in Burrell's Walk, and the remainder to the Research Hospital, Hills Road. 14 10 30 CIP

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Romsey Town Institute billiard team had done well, the ladies had organised concerts and a garden party. When the 6th Division were in camp the club was thrown open to soldiers who enjoyed the games and were supplied with free writing material. Nineteen members are serving with the colours. But membership was declining due to slackness of trade and the war. The time has arrived when they needed a bar. This had been blocked in the past by the Temperance Party but some of them had not been in the building since it opened. They could not keep going with teetotallers.

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## 1914 November

People stopped from visiting Burrell's Walk hospital [5.4]

Large number of special constables sworn in [5a.24]

Sergeant Parish awarded Victoria Cross [5a.25]

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Belgian University Louvain guest list 14 11 06

Belgian Minister visits, p6

240 more wounded including Belgians, p6

Suffragette on women's war work, p6

Addenbrooke's Hospital & war, nurses to EGH. P8

Sergeant-Major Longley went to war as a despatch rider, landing in August. He was transferred for mounted duty and is now in charge of 200 men and 150 horses. He has been mentioned in despatches. He fought at Mons and helps the R.A.M.C. in Field Hospitals in his spare time "I do not want to talk of the horrors which I've witnessed and should be only too pleased to forget it, if possible", he says..

The new Territorial Forces headquarters in East Road are nearly completed and have been occupied by troops training in Cambridge. But the formal opening has been postponed. It stands on the site of

the Technical Schools which have been adapted and added to and includes a spacious drill hall and miniature rifle range abutting on to Adam and Eve Row. The Quartermaster's stores include a wooden gallery for use as a saddlery store for the Yeomanry 14 11 06

The new hut barracks on Cherry Hinton Meadows are making remarkable progress: all the frames and roofs have been erected and it presents the appearance of a miniature town. The guard house is a long oblong building with offices for the Commanding Officer and clerks, a large detention room, guard-room and a number of cells lined with sheet steel. The regimental institute contains a games and reading room, supper room and canteen, nearby is a coal yard and shower baths. A parade ground and miniature rifle range are to follow 14 11 06

Memorial Service. How widespread is the sympathy extended to Canon and Mrs. Pemberton, of Trumpington Hall, in the loss of their only son, Capt. P. F. C. Pemberton, 2nd Life Guards, who was killed in action near Roulers on October 19, and with the gallant officer's widow, was manifest on Wednesday, when a large congregation, representative of Town, University and County, attended a memorial service held in the church of St. Mary and St. Michael, Trumpington. The service was a most impressive one, and will never be forgotten by those present. The chancel of the church was adorned with white chrysanthemums and ferns, whilst a cross of similar Mowers, which hung from the chancel rails, bore the inscription: "With most loving sympathy."

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200 more wounded, p4

Cambridgeshire Territorials at full strength, p4

Cintra Terrace reading room for soldiers, p4

Corp. C. Heals experiences – letter, p6

Spy peril, p6

The County Council should be granted power to deal with the espionage suspected to exist in Cambridgeshire. We had German professors in the University who had laboratories and carried on experiments. We had traders who were born Germans and remained Germans on whom our troops were being billeted. We had sons of Prussian officers in the Officers' Training Corps. There were thousands of cases of people being naturalised and then going back to Germany to fight against us.

Mrs Hinson of Merton Street has received from a photograph of her husband's grave at Angers, France, together with a translation of the speech delivered over the graves of the English soldiers who lie buried there. They were sent by Major Stoney Archer's wife who enclosed a very kind letter expressing deepest sympathy. The hospital in which he was treated is beautifully equipped and he received the best of care and nursing. It is such kindly actions which make our British officers beloved by their men and which cements the good feeling between all classes in this country.

A double military funeral of soldiers who died at the 1st Eastern General Hospital took place at Newmarket Road cemetery. Both coffins were conveyed in one cortege. One was a Belgian soldier whose funeral service in the Catholic Church was attended by many Belgian wounded. The service for Ernest Thorne of the Coldstream Guards was held at Christ Church. He had been a fine strapping fellow standing over 6ft 3". His leg was amputated in France. Despite the fierce rainstorm many assembled at the cemetery where the soldiers were accorded full military honours and interred in separate graves. Meanwhile 200 more wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge station. Reading and refreshment rooms for soldiers have opened in Cintra Terrace. A gramophone has been donated but they would welcome presents of records

Cyril Wright of Chesterton Road, a motor cyclist attached to the 1st Cavalry Division writes to his mother: Christmas is getting nearer and the war has not ended yet. I don't think it will last very much longer because of the terrible slaughter going on. I was in a village when the Germans opened a heavy artillery barrage, blowing the houses up as if they were made of putty. I was completely cut off so ran

into a trench and had to stop there ten hours. After dark I crawled out under heavy rifle fire to my motor cycle only to find it smothered with broken glass and bricks. I was glad to get out of it.

Corp. L. Stoakley from Victoria Road writes to say he has been relieved: "We did look a crowd of tramps. Fancy ten days without a wash or shave, covered with mud and nearly dropping from want of sleep. Nobody can imagine what it is like to crouch in the trenches and hear the shells bursting overhead. It is awful. The enemy are suffering heavy losses and General French says it will just be a matter of days to see it through. There is a chance of being home for Christmas yet."

Paul Gilroy writes: one British regiment crept up to the enemy's advanced trenches and bayoneted the whole lot without arousing the trench behind them. They then quietly filled them in so that the Germans could not occupy them. One Ghurkha officer attacked another trench in the night and kukried the whole lot, about 150 in all. The terrified howls of the Germans were dreadful to hear – but the Ghurkhas killed them all, and came grinning back

Corp. H. Simpson of the 6th Division of the Royal Field Artillery who were in tents on Midsummer Common writes: When I was in Cambridge growling because we were kept in England I did not realise how terrible war was. I think that nearly a quarter of the men that were at Cambridge are either killed or wounded. Capt Scholey writes to Mr Dockrill of Marlowe Road: A great number of those where on the Meadows have been killed or wounded while Pte Layfield, writing to Miss Smart, asks for a bit of home-made cake

Wounded Soldiers Entertained. At the Playhouse, Mill Road about a 100 wounded British soldiers, who were being entertained by the Directors, rose to a man and cheered lustily 50 Belgian comrades, who were also guests of the management. The Belgians returned the compliment by giving three hearty cheers for their British friends. Tea, chocolates arid cigarettes were handed to the soldiers by a number of ladies, who volunteered their assistance. 14 11 13 CIP

Important War Post. Mr. T. S. Ablewhite, Conservative Agent for East Cambs., says he has heard from the Member for the Division, Mr. J. C. Denison-Pender, and that the latter has been appointed by the Government as Honorary Secretary to the British Red Cross Society Detachment at the Front. Mr. Denison-Pender is in the best of health, and is fully employed in dealing with the supervision of the motor ambulance transports, etc. He has no time for letter writing, but in the course of a message to Mr. Ablewhite, he expresses the intention of "sticking it to the end." Every good wish will go to Mr. Denison-Pender in the arduous and patriotic mission which he has undertaken in a voluntary capacity. Cordial congratulations will also be extended to the Member and his wife on the birth of a son, which took place at 16, Hans Crescent, London, S.W., on Friday last. They have now a family of two sons and one daughter.

1914 11 20 CIP

Memorial service University & Town, p5

Experiences – Housden of Peterhouse, Traylen, Fulbourn Taylor w., Horlock of St John's Rd - Lancers letter, p6.

Death of Lord Roberts. Field Marshal Earl Roberts passed away on Saturday evening, and the whole Empire mourns the loss of a great commander. Lord Roberts was in his 83rd year, and died as the result of a chill contracted while visiting the Indian troops at the front. Pneumonia supervened. Cambridge University on June 3, 1893, conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. on Lord Roberts. His visit to Cambridge on that occasion of the manoeuvres in the Eastern Counties (in 1912) is well remembered by residents. Lord Roberts was cordially received in the town.

Wounded arrive from the War - another train-load of wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge. There were in all 173 wounded, and of these 25 were stretcher cases. Included in the party were members of the 6th Division which had laid at Cambridge in August last. 14 11 20 CIP

The Home Office has authorised the Isle of Ely Chief Constable to enrol up to 300 special constables, some of whom could carry and use firearms. He was to take 'certain actions' on the roads in consequence of the war; the nature of the obstructions to be utilised on the roads left to his discretion and he could obtain additional equipment as necessary. Payment was to be made for subsistence of Boy Scouts rendering assistance to the police. Ely Water Tower continues to be guarded, but what of the bridge – the water main runs across it

Suspected Espionage in Cambs. Motion passed "That this Council makes urgent representations to the Home Office that powers be granted to local authorities to deal with the espionage suspected to exist in Cambridgeshire, and that such powers be more practical and stringent than those already possessed by the police with regard to aliens and recently naturalised persons." There was some opposition to the motion which was eventually carried by a majority of 26 to 15.14 11 20 CIP

The Germans had a great network of spies, County Councillors were told. The county should be purged of all spies or people of treasonable actions. The Emergency committees which were being formed should ensure people were not installing secret petrol stores for Zeppelins or watch for partisans with carrier pigeons or wireless apparatus. University Laboratories were doing much undisclosed research involving explosives and chemicals and employed a high proportion of aliens. A man who had watched army evolutions on Parker's Piece was pursued and arrested by two police constables after an old lady denounced him as a spy. A large number of naturalised German people lived locally but in the zeal to put down espionage an enormous amount of injustice had been done. 14 11 20

People in Shelford and Stapleford are worried about mysterious lights shining on the Gogs and are concerned that there are spies. But Dr Henry Bond says the light came from his house. There is concrete in the foundations and the removal of the house might provide a base from which a German gun could demolish King's College chapel. He admits he speaks German and has had holidays there. But he is not a spy and honest folk are quite safe. However given the present alarm nobody who has electric light in his house, a bottle of German wine in his cellar, or worse of all (like our Royal Family) German blood in his veins, will be safe. 14 11 20

There is no more potent cause of disease amongst soldiers than impure water. When Cambridge became a mobilisation centre and the Sixth Division was camped along the Cam from Jesus Lock to the Pike & Eel, Sims Woodhouse, the Prof of Pathology, took a bucketful of river water, from a spot where the soldiers were bathing and washing their clothes and by experiment turned it into perfectly pure and palatable drinking water. Even water polluted by corpses is made innocuous. It will be surprising if the whole army does not benefit by his research 14 11 20

University student numbers have almost halved as some 2,000 undergraduates have been commissioned into the army. This has led to nearly 1,500 empty lodgings, meaning difficulties for lodging-house keepers. They saw the grey uniforms of Universitymen about the town and soon they would have another lot of undergraduates going away. All this affected tradesmen. It was time to rebuild the workhouse 14 11 20

Another trainload of wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge station. Owing to the inclement weather and having to remain for hours at a stretch up to their waist in water in the trenches, many of the men had to be invalidated home suffering from rheumatism. The new wards at the Military Hospital in Burrell's Walk are practically completed and at present there are about 900 wounded soldiers receiving treatment there. 14 11 20

1914 11 27 CIP

Lights on Gogs – amateur spy hunt, p5

Ortona buses for war, p6

Hodder wounded despatch rider experiences, p7

More wounded arrive, p8

The Hospitality Committee for Belgian refugees has equipped four houses in which 55 refugees have been accommodated. They are 'Scotsdale' on Grantchester Road where a Flemish priest has been lodged with nine members of his family and 'South House' Barton Road which houses 14 members of doctor's family. A young lace maker and a family of eight from Louvain lodges at No.4 West View Newnham while at No.11 Brookside there are 22 refugees from Malines and Ostend. In Regent Street a studio has been converted into a fair-sized reading room where Dutch, French and English papers are supplied. 14 11 27

The first VC of the war has been won by a Cambridge man, Sergt Papworth of 15<sup>th</sup> Hussars. His parents formerly lived at Chesterton and now live at Hayward's Heath. He was with a small troop of 10 men that suddenly came across a large force of 6-700 Germans. Undaunted by the fearful odds the Hussars retired in good order, inflicting severe losses on the enemy. The Hon. E.C. Hardinge was injured and Serg Parish remained behind and kept the Germans at bay while his officer reached a point of safety. Cambridge will be proud to learn that the gallantry of a local man 14 11 27

## 1914 December

1914 12 04

Cambridgeshire Battalion inspection Parker's Piece

Scout Defence Corps formed

Effect of war on Cambridge

County School Boys – 200 with colours

Chance for Women Policemen. It is not so long ago (writes Free Lance) since Lady Darwin suggested the appointment of one or two women policemen for the Borough of Cambridge, and if only part of what I hear is correct, there would be plenty of scope for the services of such an official in Cambridge just now. Reports reach me of a most undesirable state of things existing after nightfall on Parker's Piece and other open spaces and it is suggested that clergy and ministers should take the matter up with a view to asking the military authorities whether it would not be possible to keep these places under keen surveillance at night. The Women's Franchise Association, too, now that they are experiencing a time of more or less inactivity, might with advantage, exercise their influence upon the young girls to be found in these spots at such undesirable hours.

The Safety of Realm Act gives power to army to take possession of land and construct military works, including roads and bridges. They can take possession of any buildings for supply of gas electric and water, put buildings in a state of defence or remove them. They may order people to leave any area needed for military use and order the removal of vehicles and boats. No person may communicate information about disposition of forces, communicate with the enemy, spread false reports or prejudice recruiting, training or discipline; nor to sell drink to soldiers on duty 1914 12 04

The Cambridge Corps of Guides is composed of men with an intimate knowledge of their locality, its roads, bridges, blacksmith and wheelwright's shops, camping grounds and billeting accommodation. They will not bear arms or wear uniforms but have been supplied with button-hole badges. In event of invasion they will act as a guide to troops. They include F.W. Crain of Fen Ditton, Frank Muncey from Fordham and George Watson from Babraham 1914 12 04

With so many regular troops abroad any man trained to defend the homeland in as emergency will be invaluable, the Chief Scout says. We are driven to be on our defence lest we come under the heel of the Prussian bully and it is the duty of every patriot to take up arms in a good cause. If Scouts can supply a few thousand 16-year-old boys, trained to discipline and marksmanship will be worth a dozen men trained to nothing in particular. It will not be a permanent policy for the scout movement

Stephen Marshall of Cambridge was one of the three survivors when HMS Bulwark was destroyed at Sheerness. He was drinking tea when he was blown 100 feet up into the air then found himself in the

sea which was swirling tempestuously. There was no wreckage to which he could cling and he was obliged to start swimming until picked up by a boat. He is being treated in Chatham Hospital. His family, in Trinity Place, rejoice to hear of his lucky escape. But Joseph Ellis, a stoker on the ship, was killed. His father is a hairdresser almost opposite Burwell church

Soldiers billeted at Melbourne Place School would move to the hutments on Cherryhinton Road shortly but others have arrived and could take their place. The Drill Hall in East Road and the Girls' County School are already overcrowded. It would mean that East Road and King Street Schools would no longer be required. The military would pay £400, about one-tenth of the cost of billeting. But billeting would relieve the hardship of lodging house keepers now fewer undergraduates were studying at university

1914 12 11

Lodging house keepers' problems

Wounded – 400 arrive

Territorial Army Battalion strength raised

Parker's Piece parade cancelled due state ground

First Eastern General Hospital Christmas appeal

Scout Langley rescues soldier Cam

The term which has just ended has been described as perhaps the most wonderful on record. At the beginning some 1,800 men were up, of these about 500 joined the O.T.C. with some 400 training for commissions. But we may still expect between 1,200 and 1,500 men back after Christmas; then there are 183 Belgian students in residence & plenty more non-combatants may be expected

Trade & employment in Cambridge have not been hit by the war. But with nearly 600 students missing, colleges that are hardest hit will be unable to keep on all their servants. Twenty per cent of builders are now out of work. Many women are employed in the jam factory at Histon and in the two knitting factories where War Office orders have provided more work than usual. Women have obtained posts vacated by men clerks who have gone to war but a large number of day girls are out of work owing to the plight of the lodging-house keepers. As these girls are in many cases the daughters of women who are themselves injured by the war, this state of affairs means a further depletion of an already scanty income. For good general servants there is a greater demand than supply, but there is very little demand for the services of any of the better class of servants and the number of between-maids out of employment is especially large. Hand laundresses have been very hard hit by the war. The great majority of these women are normally engaged in working for the colleges and, owing the stoppages of games, the amount of washing sent per man is much less this term. When the woman is the chief breadwinner of the family their position is extremely serious. The laundresses themselves are not in such a bad plight, for many have made considerable sums during the busy six months of the year and many of them have savings laid by. But only in very few cases have they got husbands in independent work. A large number of tailoresses are entirely unemployed and the remainder are working short time. Some have gone to Leeds to work making khaki uniforms and others will probably follow. The better class dressmakers seem more affected than the inferior ones. Business is slack just now and is expected to be much worse after Christmas when business is usually slack. The dressmakers and milliners' hands employed in shops seem to be on short time. Here too the better class shops are worse hit than the cheapest establishments and several employees say they will be unable to keep their hands for a prolonged period without a considerable improvement. Shirt makers are busy at present but their usual work is almost entirely replaced by the making of shirts for officers' outfits and there is apprehension that at the end of this term this work will be to a large extent cease

Emergency committees have been appointed to act in concert with the military authorities in case of invasion. That for the Isle of Ely is headed by Mr C. Bidwell and includes Mr Luddington of Littleport, F. Harlock of Ely, A.E. Wright of Haddenham & Owen Ambrose from Stuntney. Their powers include the removal of livestock, vehicles and foodstuffs from the scene of operations and

facilitating the passage of troops through the area. Every man should take his part in the struggle. If he is not employed in permanent work he should enlist or join the nearest Volunteer Corps. He will be provided with a badge and counted as a combatant though no arms, ammunition or clothing will be supplied. Anyone who declines to enlist must not take part in the defence of his country and in case of invasion must surrender any arms he has in his possession. He will be liable to duties such as digging trenches or burying the dead. The public should not carry arms on any account. This applies to some local gentlemen who have threatened to use arms in case of invasion: such steps would provoke reprisals on inhabitants and the destruction of buildings

1914 12 18

Royal visit Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein to First Eastern General Hospital

Their Royal Highnesses Princess Christian and Princess Victoria visited Cambridge on Thursday afternoon and spent a considerable time at the 1st Eastern General Hospital, where they spoke to a large number of patients, both British and Belgian. 14 12 18 CIP

The Mayor and Vice Chancellor had appealed to the War Office to send more troops. They could be billeted in lodging houses, two in the living room and two in the bedroom. As there would be no vacation they would be better off than they would be letting to University men. But troops would be billeted first on the outer parts of the town and work towards the centre to give some margin for emergency by having the central part to fall back on 14 12 18

Mr Stearn said that it was not troops that Cambridge required but something to take the place of gentlemen undergraduates. There were 'crack' regiments like the Honorable Artillery Company, sportsmen's brigades and gentlemen's brigades. But they could not put troops from mining districts in rooms fitted with electric lights and Smyrna carpets. But the Mayor said they could not dictate to the War Office what troops they got and no purpose would be served by debating their quality 14 12 18

Professor Sims Woodhead, said while members of the Sixth Division were based in Cambridge, before going to the front, one man was found dead in his tent. There were rumours he had succumbed to typhoid inoculation but a post-mortem showed he had not been given one. To get the best results from inoculation men should be rested and given light food. Then they would be well again after one or two days. But a man who would not rest and have his arm in a sling was four of six days in a very uncomfortable condition 14 12 18

Shot During a Bayonet Charge. Mrs. A. Shinn. of 20, Suez Road, Romsey Town. Cambridge has received an official communication of the death of her husband. Pte, Arthur Shinn, at the front. Upon the outbreak of war, the deceased soldier, who was a Reservist, joined his Regiment the 2nd Duke of Wellington's ('A' Company), at Halifax, which was one of the first to proceed to France. He went through the Battle of Mons. and had a marvellous escape, a bullet going through his hat and leaving him unscathed. He was also in several other engagements. On Sunday, November 8, at Ypres, his regiment made a bayonet charge, and it was here that he was shot through the heart, death being instantaneous.

1914 12 19

Large number of troops arrive after slack time, solving problems of lodging house keepers – 14 12 19 [5.5a.27]

1914 12 25

Vain propaganda – pro German letters from Cambridge

Wounded – 150 more

Marriott, Sturton St, kia

Jack Stevens motor cyclist experiences

Prior experiences

White, York St, letter

Nurse Boutle of South Street volunteered for foreign service with the Red Cross Society. She was taken prisoner in Brussels and sent to nurse wounded German and French soldiers. When the Germans refused to let them go she disguised herself and after a risky journey and an exciting incident with a German sentry – three minutes afterwards a man was shot at the same spot – she reached the coast. On the crossing the steamer passed two floating mines. She had no complaints about the conduct of the Germans who saluted nurses in the street.

Christmas at Cambridge promises to be the quietest ever known, with the shadow of war hanging over the land. But everything possible will be done to brighten the lot of the wounded soldiers at the Military Hospital. On Christmas Eve carols will be sung in the recreation room. The distribution of Princess Mary's gifts will take place next morning and a turkey and plum pudding served. The 180 nurses will have their Christmas dinner in the recreation room in the evening. At the Belgian's Rest House on Hills Road presents will be distributed to all men but the public are asked to refrain from treating the soldiers to alcoholic liquors. They are suffering from wounds and even a small quantity of alcohol will retard recovery

Storm and Floods responsible for considerable damage to telegraph and telephone wires. The heavy downpour of rain and the blinding snowstorm late at night found the weak spots in an enormous number of house roofs in Cambridge, and the exceptional downpour swelled the stream of the Cam until the water flowed over the banks. The greater part of Midsummer Common was covered with water and the paths were impassable. Boathouse and boathouse yards were flooded and military men who were billeted in the boathouses were seriously inconvenienced. In several instances they were compelled to seek billets elsewhere. Thousands of acres of land in and around Cambridge were flooded. 14 12 25 CIP

Soldiers are to be supplied with liquor in Cambridge public houses only between 12 noon and 8.30 p.m. by order Headquarters of the visiting troops. The Mayor has addressed a letter to the licence holders in the town strongly recommending the order is strictly obeyed. 14 12 25 CIP

Jane Pegg, wife of an Impington coal merchant, said she saw a man at Histon station wearing a blue overcoat similar to the greatcoats of the Belgian soldiers. He said he was from Hills Road Hospital and had been wounded at Liege where his father was killed by his side. Feeling sorry, she'd given him a meal and invited him to stay for the weekend. But really he was a butcher from St Ives. The lad said he'd return to his mother and promise to be a good boy. But he was sent to prison with hard labour 14 12 25

Billeting – where the military authorities take an empty room in a house, the amount paid is 3d per night per man. Where bed and attendance is provided this is 9d. The War Office will accept as a 'bed' a mattress on the floor, with bedclothes, so a householder can get the extra sixpence. For this he is expected to cook the men's rations – they can draw their meat ration twice a week and so get a decent joint. Corn Exchange requisitioned 14 12 25

## 1915 January

1915 01 01

VAD Hospital established Hills Rd [1.2]

Welsh Division inspected, large crowd witnessed [8.12]

Compared with their comrades in the trenches, the soldiers quartered in Cambridge had a fairly good time. The wounded in the First Eastern General Hospital spent as enjoyable a time as it was possible for injured men to do. Men at the new hut barracks at Cherryhinton Meadows also got on well, despite their muddy surroundings, albeit they had to depend entirely upon the generosity of their officers, supplemented by their own resources, for the seasonable fare they enjoyed. The Territorial troops billeted in private houses also had a good time but, it must be confessed, the rations issued were

somewhat meagre and the men were dependent on the good nature of the townspeople on whom they were billeted. Some were provided with a Christmas dinner by their officers and temporary reading rooms were opened in various parts of the town. Unfortunately the Territorials arrived such a short time before Christmas that there was not sufficient time to organise anything on a large scale to deal with so many troops. Householders did their best to make as pleasant a possible the Christmastide of the lads who had left their distant homes at the call of duty and most shared in the family's Christmas dinner. Some men billeted in empty houses spent rather and rough and ready Christmas. 15 01 01

The season of peace and goodwill has seen no cessation in the stream of stricken humanity from the battlefield and on Christmas Eve another trainload of 150 wounded men arrived at Cambridge station. A further batch of 100 arrived next morning; 99 of the 100 had such serious injuries they had to be removed on stretchers. This made a heavy demand upon the ambulance resources of the Red Cross Society but fortunately there were a number of field ambulances belonging to the Welsh Division and these were brought into use. On Christmas morning Princess Mary's gifts were distributed; this comprised a substantially-made and handsomely-embossed japanned box containing a packet of tobacco, a briar pipe, a packet of cigarettes and a dainty Christmas card. These together with Christmas cards from the King and Queen, Vice Chancellor and Mayor and gifts of chocolates, crackers etc from Mr Almeric Paget, MP. On Boxing Day the men received gifts from the Lady Waldstein's Fund comprising Japanese tin boxes, coloured light blue and bearing an excellent view of King's and Clare College from the Backs printed on the lid In the evening a Punch and Judy show toured the wards creating much amusement among the Belgian soldiers, some of whom had never seen them before. Christmas dinner was accompanied by mineral water supplied by Messrs Barker & Sons together with grape fruit and oranges from Jamaica. The wards presented a very seasonable appearance, being lavishly adorned with holly & mistletoe

Four companies (954 men) of the Cambs Battalion Suffolk Regiment spent Christmas at the new hut barracks at Cherryhinton Meadows. They also got on well, despite their muddy surroundings, albeit they had to depend entirely upon the generosity of their officers, supplemented by their own resources, for the seasonable fare they enjoyed. They decorated their huts and made them look as bright as possible with one or two Union Jacks, a few fathoms of coloured paper chains, an armful of evergreens and some streamers. We regret that practically no Christmas gifts were sent to the barracks from outside – except those they received from their relatives – and the whole of the expense of the festivities fell upon the officers and men themselves. Some of the companies had turkey or roast beef, and other luxuries. After dinner the men were free to do as they pleased and most amused themselves with impromptu entertainments in the huts which seemed to be sufficiently warmed by the slow-combustion stoves. The camp institute is well-lighted and comfortable room with various games and a canteen and when the curtains separating the games room from the canteen are drawn aside a large room is available for entertainments, assaults-at-arms etc. It had been arranged to hold athletic sports but the weather conditions were so bad this could not be carried out and a boxing tournament was hastily arranged together with exhibitions of bayonet fighting. The YMCA have kindly given a large hut which will be erected in the centre of the barracks and should be open in January 15 01 01

The Belgian soldiers at the Rest Home (1<sup>st</sup> Borough Red Cross Hospital in Hills Road) were given a good time; the rooms were cheerfully decorated and special Christmas fare provided. Each man received a gift

A short service to welcome the troops to Cambridge was preached in Kings College Chapel on Christmas morning. Most are likely to come back from active service but some will return no more. It may be you or it may be the man next to you. All ought to be prepared to die with a clear conscience. Do not leave a heritage of woe and shame to some poor weak member of the gentler sex, just because your own self-control failed you in the midst of temptations in this town

Field Ambulance Corps not in private billets were entertained at the quarters in the pavilion of the Gonville and Caius College Cricket Ground. Officers and men of one of the regiments enjoyed a dinner at the Skating Rink, Chesterton. 650 men sat down to a meal at the Corn Exchange supplied by

Mr G. Lambert of Sussex Street. Men billeted in empty houses at Brookside were entertained to tea on Christmas Day in the large hall at the Leys school – not sufficient time to organise a dinner. Smoking Concert in the Guildhall, for greater part of the evening the large room was well filled with soldiers in spite of the event not being very well advertised and several regiments had their own functions. The Mayor (W. L. Raynes) opened the programme with an organ solo. He said no town was more acutely hit by the war than Cambridge. The soldiers had just come from a big manufacturing centre and they would appreciate that in Cambridge the University corresponded to a big industry. Cambridge had done splendidly in providing officers for the Army – and the heart of her industry had been taken away. 15 01 01

1915 01 02

Pro-German letters published in American press from Cambridge, thought to be from Independent Labour Party which 'chiefly engaged in pro-German activities in England & has held meetings here [6.1]

Belgian refugees have difficulty cooking, cook-book issued [6.2]

1915 01 15

The Military have occupied Melbourne Place, Eden Street, Christ Church Institute and Milton Road infants' school. Now they have also taken that Richmond Road East Road Schools despite opposition from the Managers. This means 700-800 children had no educational home to go to. The kind of children was the sort who left as early as possible and it was a serious thing for them to lose any schooling. It is astonishing that in Cambridge with all its college buildings, most of them unoccupied at present, that there should be any places for soldiers. 15 01 15

Cambridgeshire has contributed 4,359 officers, NCOs and men to the military forces since the war broke out. Others have enlisted in towns outside the county and in addition a large number were already serving in the Navy & Regular Army. Premises were purchased on East Road which have been converted into a drill hall for the units trained in Cambridge and recruiting stations opened in Ely, Soham and Linton. All officers and men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Cambridgeshire Regiment have volunteered for foreign service though Lieut-Colonel L. Tebbutt resigned as he was not fit. He has been appointed to command the Reserve Battalion 15 01 15

1915 01 16

Several hundred undergraduates fewer but not missed due to troops [6.3]

Troops billeted at house Newmarket Rd find it haunted [6.4]

Police join up - experience [6.5]

1915 01 22

Corp Frederick Potter, Northampton St, awarded DSM – profile, photo – 15 01 22b

German Aircraft Raid. German aircraft made a raid on the East Coast on Tuesday evening and dropped bombs on Gt. Yarmouth. Sandringham, King's Lynn, Cromer and Sheringham. The accounts of the attacks vary in details, notably in regard to the number of people killed, but they agree on the main facts. The first attack would seem to have been made on Yarmouth at about half-past eight o'clock. It was too dark to discern the hostile craft, but nine bombs appear to have been dropped on the town and two people killed. A soldier was also injured, and several of the townspeople sustained wounds from broken glass. The damage to buildings does not seem to have been extensive. Subsequent raids were made on Sandringham and King's Lynn, and on Cromer and Sheringham, where bombs were dropped. Two people were killed at Lynn. The accounts in this case speak definitely of a Zeppelin. Whether the raids were made by the same aircraft cannot be said but a telegram from Amsterdam speaks of four German airships passing over the Dutch islands earlier in the day 15 01 22 CIP

Troops Inspected. General Sir Ian Hamilton, on Wednesday inspected the troops quartered in Cambridge. Accompanied by General Bruce Hamilton and a number of staff officers, the Inspecting Officer took up a position in Gonville Place and the troops marched past the saluting base in column of route. Earlier in the day the men had marched by various routes, and on their return they concentrated in three columns on Hyde Park Corner and then marched down Gonville Place past General Sir Ian Hamilton. A large crowd assembled on Parker's Piece to witness the imposing military scene, and townspeople assembled in large numbers at other points of vantage. A great crowd gathered to watch General Hamilton inspect troops on Parker's Piece. After the mounted officers came the communications company – cyclists, field telegraphs and flag signallers on horseback. An armoured car and a squad of motor-cyclists came next, then the cavalry, infantry, Maxim guns, Howitzer batteries and ammunition train. One horse took fright at the music of the drums and bugles and dashed towards the Inspecting Officer. It seemed as if would be run down but he stood his ground and a staff officer dashed forward to seize the bridle and pull it up. However one trooper was thrown from his horse, his foot caught in the stirrups and he was dragged some distance 15 01 22 CIP

Red Cross Society review of recent activities: 3,000 wounded received. Five subsidiary hospitals have been established. The first was the Belgian Rest Home with 50 beds followed by Linton Infirmary and The Firs Histon, for Belgians. Fulbourn Institute has 23 beds for British soldiers and Shepreth Village Hall opened on January 4<sup>th</sup> with 20 beds. They have all been doing very good work treating men from the First Eastern Hospital 15 01 22

Military Hospital Concert.—The New Theatre Company and the variety artistes who were appearing at the Theatre gave an enjoyable performance at the 1st Eastern General Hospital on Friday afternoon. The arrangements were made by Mr. P. H. Adams, the box office manager, and Mr. J. Lindsell .superintended the staging. The full orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Gilbey Briggs, was in attendance. The large company of wounded .soldiers, nurses, semi-convalescents, and members of the R.A.M.C. showed the greatest appreciation of the programme provided. 15 01 22 CIP

Instructions have been issued in event of invasion by land or air. People in the street should take cover immediately. There is danger from bombs from aircraft and also fragments of shell and bullets from the guns used against raiders. The nearest basement would be the safest place. Any fragments of shells should be handed to the police. School teachers should continue lessons as far as possible in the normal way. Remove children from the neighbourhood of windows. Children should not be brought from upper floors to crowd ground floor classrooms. In the event of damage they should be marched out as in fire drill. 15 01 22

1915 01 23

Civilian volunteer movement has 600, veteran corps form signal & cycle sections [6.6]

Diary of 6th Div since left Cambridge [6.7]

## 1915 February

Cambridgeshire Regiment to front line St Eloi

Cambridgeshire Regiment Depot moved to newly-completed Territorial Army HQ in East Road

Cambridgeshire Regiment 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Battalion formed – 3/1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

1915 02 05

People in Mill Road on Sunday evening were surprised to see a civilian being escorted by a party of soldiers with fixed bayonets. Behind walked a large crowd of excited soldiers and townspeople and passers-by were informed that a stranger, who was supposed to be a German spy, had been arrested near Romsey Town Railway Bridge. The man, who could be heard protesting volubly, was marched into the guardroom at the County Girls School and the crowd was left to speculate about his fate. He was an assistant to a Cambridge doctor who had lost his way and had asked directions to the

residence. He addressed a soldier and the foreigner spoke broken English. He was liberated after enquiries. This illustrates the vigilance of the authorities to protect the country from the enemy within our gates 15 02 05

1915 02 12

King inspects Troops. The King visited Cambridge yesterday and inspected the Welsh Division which has been stationed in the town during the past few weeks. The Cambs Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment and members of B Company, Cambs. National Reserve paraded with the Welsh Division and were also inspected by His Majesty. The King was accompanied by General Sir Ian Hamilton, the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces, one of his equerries (Major Clive Wigram) and members of the staff of the 1st Army Corps and of the Welsh Division Staff. Having inspected the troops and taken the salute at the march past, the King paid a surprise visit to the 1st Eastern Hospital. 15 02 12  
CIP 15 02 12a

King visits to inspect troops quartered in Cambridge on Parker's Piece, visits FEGH. Khaki-clad soldiers drawn up on Parker's Piece received his majesty with the Royal Salute ... inspected signal section consisting of a couple of motor cars and a number of motor cycles and inspecting a wireless station ... Then visited EGH and motored to station ... no civic reception ... no public announcement so small crowds ... streets cleared of traffic ... fleet of cars seen coming from station ... Officers and staff on foot – no horses, cannon or vehicles as impossible to get all these on Piece .... Troops occupied four sides of Piece ... cavalry along Regent Terrace ... various artillery units ... King wore khaki military top coat, riding breeches ... flagstaff in middle ... Inspected cavalry, artillery, infantry, ASC, RAMC and National Reserves ... march past .... Inspected motor cars, motor cycles ... At FEGH visited kitchen, operating theatre where operations actually going on, X-Ray room ... have permission for photographing a group by Palmer Clarke near entrance to operating theatre in which the Commanding Officer, the Registrar, Quartermaster and two matrons were included 15 02 12 -- photo feature – 15 02 12a Ch, photo – 15 02 19d

C.T. Skipper, architect of FEGH and Cherry Hinton huts appointed to War Office to produce new hospitals 15 02 12

1915 02 19

The YMCA is doing invaluable service to troops. Their headquarters in Alexandra Street is crowded with soldiers and 'ping-pong' or billiards is popular. In the basement a lady was giving a French lesson. Troops who prefer a book and cosy chair appreciate the reading room or write letters. Two centres are managed entirely by students while at the Cherryhinton Hut Barracks a large hut has been erected. This is currently open to soldiers only because of the illness prevalent at the camp. At Hartington Grove a house has been furnished with tables and chairs, Tracy Hall in Romsey Town is also popular and 80 men visit Emmanuel Church Hall nightly where concerts are promoted with soldiers as artistes. 1915 02 19

Home From Trenches to Wed. A Wedding of exceptional interest was witnessed at Cambridge on Wednesday of last week, the bridegroom, Sergeant H. J. Mynott, having obtained special leave from the trenches in order to return home for the marriage. Previous to the war, Sgt. Mynott was on the reserve, and in August last he was called up to join his old regiment, the 15th (King's Own) Hussars, and with them went over with the first British Expeditionary Force. The bride was Miss Annie Ellen (Nellie) Maltby daughter of the late Mr. Augustus John Maltby and of Mrs. Maltby, of 27, South Street, Cambridge. The scene of the wedding was Little St. Mary's Church. A highly interesting incident in connection with Sgt. Mynott's homecoming is the fact that he brought home with him the helmet of a German soldier (a sniper) whom he had shot. 15 02 19b, 15 02 19 CIP

1915 02 26

V.C. Hero. Among the wounded soldiers who arrived at Cambridge on Christmas day was Pte Henry H. Robson. of the 2nd Battn, Royal Scots (Lothian) Regt., as brave a hero as ever walked in two shoes. His gallant conduct in rescuing a comrade under heavy fire, and attempting a second rescue has

met with a fitting reward, for the King has been graciously pleased to bestow upon him (he Victoria Cross, the most coveted of all honours. Pte Robson has been at 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, for about seven weeks recovering from wounds received while performing the particular brave deed for which he was awarded the V.C., but last week he was removed to the 1st Borough Red Cross Hospital, Hills Road, convalescent, and we are happy to state he is on the high road to recovery 15 02 26 CIP

The 'Tipperary Rooms' have opened in Fitzroy Street as a club and social centre for the wives and mothers of soldiers and sailors. A boarded floor has been laid and slow-combustion stoves installed in the old building formerly used as the power-house for Mr Chivers' factory. Another room will be used as a nursery where mothers can leave their children when they are out. But plans to establish the Fitzroy House Domestic Training School and Social Centre for Women and Girls have been delayed owing to the requirements of the military 15 02 26 p5 & p7

The Universities of Oxford & Cambridge have been transformed by the war: at Oxford the examination schools have been turned into a military hospital, colleges house soldiers instead of students and the only undergraduates in academic dress are those disqualified from military service. But this means a serious loss of revenue and a Bill should be introduced to enable them to adjust their finances to meet the strain so they could provide for the men when they returned after the war, the Attorney General told Parliament. The Bill, backed by Mr Asquith, was read a first time, amid cheers. 15 02 26

Arrangements are being made to warn Cambridge of the approach of enemy aircraft. News will be telephoned from the coast and the public alerted by a steam siren being erected at the Electric Light Company's works. All gas lights or stoves should be turned out, electric lights switched off with oil lamps extinguished and taken into the basement. Doors, windows and shutters should be closed. Buckets should be kept filled with water. But on no account should money be spent on powder extinguishers currently being hawked about. Chemical extinguishers should comply with the specification of the Metropolitan Police 15 02 26

## 1915 March

Cambridgeshire Regiment to Ypres, 17 Mar – 26 May 1915 RCp14

1915 03 05

St Tibbs' Row fire, soldiers help fight – photo – 15 03 05a

St David's Day marked by football match Royal Garrison Artillery v Royal Engineers; goat being lead by soldier in guise of a suffragette – photo – 15 03 05c

The 'B' Company of the Cambridgeshire National Reserve Local Guard paraded at the Corn Exchange, where they have been housed for several weeks. All the 115 men are old soldiers, 27 of whom have experience active service. They marched to the station in two platoons where relatives had assembled to give them a cheerful send-off before, armed with carbines and bayonets, they left to guard vulnerable points 15 03 05

The Welsh soldiers were granted a holiday on St David's Day and Cambridge was full of soldiers with great leeks stuck askew through the strap of their caps, the flags pluming back like a cavalier's feather and the root dangling in a tantalising fashion over the eye. A comic procession was headed by a band of minstrels on a large cart. They were dressed in sweaters and dark white trousers and had blackened their faces. They used a variety of instruments more fitted to noise than harmony. They were followed by a squad marching four deep in perfect step, each wearing a leek or a daffodil. Celebrations concluded with a Welsh choral service at Gt St Mary's 15 03 05

Cambridge Red Cross Society has made arrangements to deal with injuries from air raids. There were eight assembly points equipped with telephones and it would be unfortunate if they could not discover exactly where bombs had fallen. If the telephone wires were cut information could be conveyed by cycle. Ambulances were in readiness, supplies ready packed and lanterns ready in case of darkness. Nurses would be sent out in groups of four and men would take field dressings and bandages so as to carry on until ambulances arrived. The hospital for Belgians at Cintra Terrace would close at the end of the week 15 03 05

1915 03 12

We deeply regret to record the first casualties in the ranks of the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. 1<sup>st</sup> Cambs Regiment at the front. Corpl. Noble Dewey was shot by a sniper and died in hospital. 'Nob' was one of several members of the Town and County Cycling Club serving at the front, was married and lived with his mother in Searle Street. Lieut-Col Copeman, the Officer Commanding wrote to say he died doing his duty gallantly and suffered little or no pain. He was most plucky and cheerful to the end. He was one of the most useful men in the Battalion and it was grievous that he should lose his life so soon. Pte James Northfield of Mill Road was also wounded. In a letter home to his mother, 'Nob' Dewey, the Cambridgeshire Regiment's first casualty, wrote: "We have changed our billets to another farm. We are in sound of the guns. I suppose we shall be there in a few days. It is still very cold but we have got plenty of straw so we sleep warm. I haven't come across the boys billeted in Searle Street yet. We are getting plenty of food of a sort. About the only thing I want is some soap as they charge too much out here". He was buried in a graveyard near a church and Corporal Skeels erected a cross over the grave 15 03 12

First Casualties. Intimation has been received this week of the first casualties in the 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, which went to the front three weeks ago and it is with regret that we record the death of Corporal Noble Dewey, of B Company. No. 5 Section, who was shot by a sniper on Wednesday week. Pte. James Nortfield was wounded in the arm. Certain companies of the 1st Cambs. Regiment have been sent up to the front in order to gain experience of the general conditions, and Corporal Dewey accompanied his company to the reserve trenches. While getting into the trench he was shot through the lungs by a sniper. It was evident to his companions that he was severely wounded, and Corporal Dewey was removed to hospital, where he expired a few hours afterwards. Dewey was known at sports meetings over a wide area as the trainer of Reg Player, the Cambridge racing cyclist. He was a member of the Town and County Cycling Club 15 03 12 CIP

Extinguishing of Lights. A new order, dated March 10, has been issued by the military directing the extinguishing of lights in the Borough. The order is issued by the Competent Military Authority for the district under the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 12 of the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914. The order directs that all lights in the Borough other than lights not visible from the outside of any house, and such public street lamps as a Competent Military Authority, in writing, conditionally permit to be lighted, shall from the 10th inst. and until otherwise ordered, be kept extinguished or obscured between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m 15 03 12 CIP

Alexis Aladin, the leader of the Labour Party in the first Russian Duma explained the sentiment and resolution of his country with regard to the war. They could put and keep a million and a half men in the firing line and if they lost half-a-million they could replace them within a fortnight. In Grand Duke Nicholas the Russians had the greatest General that had ever led victorious armies. But something must be done about the grievous effect of drink in the country. The Belgian Minister of State also spoke 15 03 12

1915 03 19

A large number of wounded British soldiers who have participated in the successful fighting in the neighbourhood of Neuve Chapelle arrived in Cambridge on Sunday evening having been wounded on Friday. Many of them told of the fierceness of the fighting, the stubborn resistance of the enemy and the brilliance of the British victory. The task of transferring the 141 casualties to the First Eastern

General Hospital was performed by the R.A.M.C. using ambulances from Newmarket. Last week 211 wounded were received including 80 cot cases 15 03 19

1915 03 26

The Cambridgeshire Territorials received their baptism of fire in one of the fiercest engagements that has taken place on the Western Front and acquitted themselves well. Unfortunately the casualties were heavy. The Cambridgeshire did not disgrace themselves and showed themselves equal to the regulars. A vivid account of the fighting was given by Lance-Corporal Doggett in a letter to his mother: "The shells were falling thick around us and we could see the bricks falling off the houses and the branches off the trees. We ran up the road to the trenches, leaving our packs behind" 15 03 26

**1915 April**

Ladies make respirators for troops [1.4]

"Passive resisters are active humbugs" - mayor [8.15]

Death of Rupert Brooke [8.17]

1915 04 02

Cambridgeshire Regiment's First Knock. A letter received from Lt Col. C. K. F. Copeman, commanding the 1st Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Regiment by Mr. C. Adeane, Chairman. Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association, conveys the first authentic information, as to the exact loss sustained by the Regiment in recent fighting in France. It says: "Many thanks for your letter of the 9th. Since receiving it, the Regiment has received a very serious knock. We were in the thick of the great fighting last Sunday, and I am proud to tell you that the Regiment did very well, so the General told me. It was an unexpected attack, and we were hurled into it in the midst of terrific shell and rifle fire, which lasted from 4.30 on Sunday to about 5 on Monday morning. I thought it impossible that we could escape without most terrible losses; as it is, they are bad enough—two officers killed, two sergeants reported missing, but, I fear, six men killed, 20 wounded and three missing. Bad and sad enough indeed for a first start, but had you been there you would have wondered it was not ten times more. I don't want a similar experience just yet. Two men are temporarily deranged, but will doubtless recover at home. The Regiment is now resting for six days about five miles from the firing line. Thrilling personal experiences are contained in letters from local soldiers Hovey, Newman, Whybro, Cole, Twinn, Horlock, Harding, Stanley, Miller, Lilley, Nightingale, Osbourn & Seymour. All letters from soldiers have now to be submitted to Press Bureau in London before publication. This causes delays and relatives should send copies or extracts rather than the originals 15 04 02, 15 04 02 CIP

1915 04 10

Exploits of police as soldiers [6.14]

1915 04 16

Volunteer Corps – Civilian Drill and Rifle Club leaving Jesus Grove on route march – photo – 15 04 16a

Hundred of soldiers have enjoyed spell of boating on Cam, during fine weather – photo – 15 04 16b

1914 04 17

Corporation can spare 60 men to work munitions factory by delaying tramline removal [6.16]

1915 04 23

Troops' occupation of County Girls School and others – to pay rent, taxes, dilapidations 15 04 23 p6

Red Cross. Number of more small convalescent homes to be opened – are waiting at Balsham, Cottenham, Gt Shelford & Cambridge; Seven hospitals now open with 158 beds. First Borough Hospital temporarily closed & would reopen at St Chad's; also one at Linton. A private hospital opened at Cheveley by Lady Savile Crossley. New scheme for large convalescent camps 15 04 23 p7

## 1915 May

Cambridgeshire Regiment Armentiers-Flixecourt, May 1915- Feb 1916 RC

Butchers close due to shortage of meat & high prices [1.5]  
St Chads VAD hospital established 1.13]

1915 05 07

Cambridge and the Military. For a few days past (writes Free Lance) Cambridge has been practically denuded of troops and the "emptiness" of the town after their departure could not fail to strike us all. With no military and no undergraduates, the town bears a deserted appearance, indeed for Easter Term, and on all hands the hope is expressed for the speedy arrival of another batch of troops. It speaks well for the behaviour of the men that the residents generally should regret their going, and look forward to the reception of another division. Tradespeople have, of course, benefited considerably by their presence, and are trusting to see a number continuously in the town, in order to counteract the loss of trade which will be the outcome of the abandonment of the May races. 15 05 07 CIP

1915 05 14

Heavy Losses. We understand that the Cambridgeshire Regiment has recently been in some heavy fighting in France and evidence of this is seen from the fact that of the officers who went out with the regiment, only two or three remain at the front, including Major Saint and Major G. L. Archer. The casualties among the rank and file has also been severe within the last few weeks, and we learn on good authority, which we are prepared to take as absolutely trustworthy, that in a recent engagement, out of three platoons, only 30 men returned unscathed. In a letter, a Wisbech private said: "I am sorry to say that the poor old Cambridgeshires are only now about 500 strong, instead of 1,000 when landing in France" 15 05 14 CIP

1915 05 15

News of 'Lusitania' sinking boosts recruits [6.18]

1915 05 21

Cambs. and the War. — Messages from the Front received during the last few days speak of the Cambridgeshires as being well in health and full of spirit, in spite of their hard gruelling of late. The casualties have, unfortunately been very heavy but the morale of those still serving with the regiment "somewhere in France" is magnificent. The men have cheerfully done their duty in the trenches and have won golden opinions for their splendid behaviour under fire. Cambridge people will be particularly pleased to hear that Major E. T. Saint, who is still with the troops, is safe and in good health. His letters home are full of praise for the magnificent conduct of his men. Major G. D. Archer, of Ely, is at present, in command of the regiment. News has been received by Mrs. Naylor of 102, Russell Street, Cambridge, that her youngest son, Pte. Leslie Naylor, has been killed in action. He was shot through the head 15 05 21 CIP

## 1915 June

11<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Cambridgeshire) Suffolk regiment training at Cherry Hinton barracks [1.6]  
Small munitions factory to be started [.8.19]

1915 06 04

Zeppelin Raid. The Secretary of the Admiralty, in a statement on Tuesday, said: Zeppelins are reported to have been seen near Ramsgate and Brentwood, and in certain outlying districts of London. Many fires are reported. Later it was stated that about 90 bombs were dropped, mostly of an incendiary character. All fires were promptly and effectively dealt with—only one of the fires necessitated a district call. No public building was damaged, but a number of private premises were

damaged by fire or water. "So far as at present ascertained", it was stated, "one infant, one boy, one man and one woman were killed and another woman was so seriously injured that her life is despaired of 15 06 04 CIP

Cambridge Men Lost. Two Cambridge men lost their lives on the Princess Irene, which was blown up in Sheerness Harbour last week. First Class Stoker H. C. Yorke, of 86 Sturton Street, Cambridge, and Second Class Stoker E. A. Gawthrop, of 325, Newmarket Road, Cambridge. Stoker Yorke had only just joined the ill-fated vessel. He has two other brothers with the colours. Stoker Gawthrop, who was 24 years old, was married. He joined the Navy in December. A plasterer by trade, he was formerly employed by Mr. T. J. Royall, of Tenison Road, Cambridge 15 06 04 CIP

Meat trade crisis, 14 butchers' shops closed 15 06 04

1915 06 05

Metal cigarette case bought Cambridge saves life [455.6.19]

1915 06 11

War service for women – girls on trams, railway clerks, shop assistants, farm workers and bottle washers in breweries 15 06 11 p4

Hospital. During the week ending June 5, there were 185 Home- Forces admissions to the 1st Eastern General Hospital (Cambridge) and 141 admissions from the Expeditionary Force. There were 388 discharges and transfers to convalescent homes. On June 5 the number of patients in the hospital was 1,321. 15 06 11 CIP

1915 06 12

Volunteer Training Corps defend bridge against Boy Scout attack [6.20]

1915 06 18

Since Welsh division left Cambridge hope expressed that more troops would be billeted in the town; Mayor writes to war office; would benefit lodging house keepers but Chesterton residents do not want to lose those they have despite problems of refuse collection etc 15 06 18 p4

1915 06 24

Munitions making to start on small scale [6.21]

1915 06 25

Zeppelins on the East Coast – feature article; not so scared as previously 15 06 25

Enthusiastic Send-off. The 11th Battalion (Cambridgeshire) Suffolk Regt. of the Regular Army had an enthusiastic send-off on Saturday when they left Cambridge to join the Division to which they have been appointed. The men left in two parties, and were played to the G.E.R. yard in Tenison Road by the Cambridge Town Silver Band. They were also accompanied by the band of the 2/5 Suffolk Regt 15 06 25 CIP, 15 06 25, a

Undergraduates in khaki enter Senate House to collect degree – photo – 15 06 25b

1915 06 26

Move to get troops quartered in Cambridge fails, war office asked to reconsider [8.18,6.22]

## 1915 July

University German lecturer resigns - had aired anti-British views [6.25]

61% of those eligible now serving [6.27]

Fear white roofs EGH might be mistaken for factories & bombed [455.6.23]

Wordsworth Grove VAD hospital established [1.14]

1915 07 02

Small munitions factory to be established n Cambridge following pressure by University Engineering and Chemistry departments 15 07 02 p4 & p5

Interference with Recruiting. Free Lance writes: The smart sentence (three months hard labour) passed upon a man at Cambridge this week for influencing young men not to join the Forces of the Crown will be pronounced by the general public as quite just. It should act as a warning to those ne'er-do-wells who, too indolent and unpatriotic to offer their services for their country, hang about street corners and endeavour to dissuade other willing loyalists from doing their duty. A more dastardly or cowardly action at the present time it is difficult to imagine and anyone indulging in such practices may be sure of but little leniency at the hands of the magistrates if brought to book 15 07 02 CIP

Munitions Work. The Ministry of Munitions has sanctioned the organisation of a small munitions factory in the Cambridge district. An opportunity is thus afforded Cambridge people to assist in the production of munitions of war, and it is a well-known fact that a large number of local men have recently expressed a desire to take part in this most important work. In many instances these men are already engaged in skilled and necessary work at Cambridge, and they feel that they cannot give their entire time to munitions work. The opportunity thus afforded them to give of their leisure time to the manufacture of war munitions in Cambridge has accordingly been warmly received 15 07 02 CIP

Youthful Recipient of D.C.M. Lance corporal Laurence A. Austin of "A" Company 1st Cambs Regiment has been awarded the D.C.M. for gallant conduct in the field. Lance-Corporal Austin was with many others of the Cambridgeshire Regiment attached to the Leinster Regiment when a certain position was heavily attacked by the Germans. Full details are lacking, all that is known is that he was recommended for the medal by the Colonel of the Leinster Regiment himself. Lance Corporal Austin, who is not yet 18 years of age, is probably the youngest recipient in the British Army of the coveted medal. His parents reside at 8 Rathmore Road, Cambridge. 15 07 02 CIP

Uteridge disrupts attempts to get men to join up – three months hard labour 15 07 02

Trumpington training corps – story of successful village organisation 15 07 09 p8

1915 07 09

County Boys OTC inspection – photo – 15 07 09a

1915 07 16

Cambridge Railway Servant's Miniature Rifle Range completed 15 07 16

County war census: what villages doing, arranged by emergency committee; 15 07 16 p5

French Flag Day scenes 15 07 16 p5

1915 07 23

Doing His Bit in France. All will learn with much appreciation that the Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, is spending his holiday this year in France, aiding the French Red Cross. Mr. Lawrence has had his own private motor car converted into an ambulance car and has undertaken the work of fetching in the French wounded presumably from the firing line and conveying them to the French hospital in the Compeigne district. He expects to remain in France for about six weeks and all will wish him a safe return from "doing his bit" for the allied cause 15 07 23 CIP

Volunteer Training Corps, demand for munitions workers reduces numbers; most have uniforms, to march to Upware – details 15 07 23 p5

### 1915 August

Ambulance train inspected at Cambridge station [1.7]

1915 08 06

Photos of fallen soldiers: G.D. Salmon, Wisbech; G.C. Coote, Foxton; Capt R.E. Sindall, Cambridge; A.J. Coote, Barrington; L. Tuck; L/C Ryder; B. Rolph; S. Trotman; A.D. McPherson; H.H. Bendall; E.C. Colchester, Shelford; R.N. Bendyshe, Barrington; Capt Tebbutt; Hodson; W.J. Blane; E. Freeman; B. Carter, Bourn; Dunnett; - 15 08 06a.  
A.E. Seagrott; E.H. Cawthrop; W.F. Taylor, Lt Shelford; W.Gee, Sawston; A. Davis, T. Kimmence; C.L. Wayman; E. Clarke, Bourn; H.C. Yorke, J.H. Caldecoat, Bourn; F.J. Gipp, Chesterton; N.W. Fielding; O.J. Goddard, Dewey; G. Pamplin, Fen Ditton; J. Wallage; Phillips; C. Richmond, Fulbourn; W.E. Jones; J.J. Mayle; L.J. Naylor; S. Phillips; R.L. Player; C. Butler – 15 08 06b

Volunteer Training Corps meeting; want county regiment; corps parade at Corn Exchange, 230 strong. March to Milton Hall where practice attack under Mr Redfern then to Rampton etc 15 08 06

1915 08 13

Cattle on commons during night – military to be alerted to danger to cattle through the trenches on the commons being left unprotected; a fence should be erected on Coe Fen 15 08 13 p4

Photos of wounded soldiers: T. Hornsby, A.J. Ince; G. Stevens; P. Stubbings, Sawston; W. Maltby; G.W. Naylor; Northfield; P.G. Pope; R. O'Brien; A.R. Skeel; Pull; C. Cockerill, Sawston; T.E. Foreman, Fulbourn; W. Foreman, Fulbourn; Dobson; 15 08 13a  
S. Allen; A.R. Sewell; Medway; A.E. Taylor, Chesterton; H.W. Whitmore, Chesterton; J. Clark; R. Silk; S.T. Burr; F.W. Freeman, Sawston; A.S. Kirkup; W. Gladwell; Dean; Dant; Dodd; G. Osbourn, Fulbourn; H.B. Stevens; A. Plump, Fulbourn; S. Mott; R. Clifton; H.C. Clark; J.E. Orton; E. Tiplady; C. Dockerill, Sawston; F. Cracknell; A.A. Spillman; C. Walker; A.E. Whybrow; P. Coleman, Sawston 15 08 13b

Volunteer training corps practical difficulties: need arms, uniform, equipment 15 08 13 p5

National Register: how work being done, names of enumerators in districts 15 08 13 p6

1915 08 20

Cambs & the war: how villages are doing their duty: book with names from Cambridge Petty Sessional Division compiled by Louis Tebbut; lists numbers by parish 15 08 20 p6

Photos of scenes and happenings:

Lady French leaves Tipperary rooms; King visits EGH; war-time degrees, Senate House; Lady Jellicoe's visit; departure 1st Battalion, station; Red Cross auction sale; V.T.C. men on route march; St David's day scene; Cambs recruiting party leaving Cambridge; German helmet trophy; wounded soldiers at Waterbeach; Histon Red Cross Hospital ward 15 08 20a  
Men who have distinguished themselves on battlefield: W. Ralph, Bottisham; E.T. Saint; Daldry; O.W. Parkinson; C.E. Morley, Gt Shelford; S. Freestone, Sawston; L.A. Austin; F. Potter DCM; F.J. Gatward – 15 08 20b

Good work of the VAD: Ladies detachment; Men's detachment - photos – 15 08 20c

Cambridge aviator lands in dyke – Lieut Broughton lands in Thuring – photo – 15 08 20d

1915 08 21

1<sup>st</sup> EGH hospitals cook dinner for 1,600 [7.1]

1915 08 27

Royal Engineers Cambridgeshire company (Regular Army) now stationed in Cambridge for few days ... 40 men required to complete establishment - shoeing and carriage smiths, blacksmiths, plumbers etc. Recruiting night at New Theatre - 15 08 27 p4

Recruiting visit of Cambs Royal Engineers – digging trenches Coe Fen, on route march – photo Departures of 3/1st Cambs Regt station – L & NW sidings as train steamed out – photo - 15 08 27a

With the 1<sup>st</sup> Cambs at the front: a regimental record 15 08 27 p5

Regiment's Departure. The 3/1st Cambridgeshire Regiment had an enthusiastic send-off on Wednesday morning, when they left Cambridge en route for a beautiful park situated "somewhere in England," where they are now encamped for field training. The Battalion, which is about 700 strong, has been practically raised and trained in Cambridge. The men have made rapid and almost wonderful progress, both in regard to their physical fitness and all their drills. In every sense of the word they are a credit to the town and county which have reared them. As they marched along on Wednesday morning with a fine swinging stride, upright and manly, they looked a picture of health and happiness. No wonder people cheered. The departure of the Battalion from Cambridge must, of course, mean a considerable financial loss to the town — a loss of probably over £1,000 a week which the town can ill-afford. The men have been billeted in the Borough, and their departure has left Cambridge with hardly any troops at all. 15 08 27 CIP 15 08 27 p5 – L & NW sidings as train steamed out – photo 15 08 27a Ch

## 1915 September

First batch of wounded from Dardanelles arrive [1.8]

50 lodging house keepers summonsed for non-payment of rates [8.20]

1915 09 03

Tsar's Honour for Cambridge Soldier. Sergt. Bertram Daldry of the 1st Rifle Brigade, has been awarded, the Cross of the Order of St. George. 3rd class, by the Tsar of Russia. He is a Cambridge man and his home is at 17 Thoday Street, Prior to the war, he worked on the platform at the G.E.R. station. He was called up on Reserve when the war broke out, and is at present at Rouen 15 09 03 CIP

Trumpington's Roll of Honour. In the presence of a crowded congregation, the Vicar of Trumpington (the Rev. Dr. R.G. Bury) unveiled in the parish church of S.S. Mary and Michael, Trumpington, on Sunday afternoon, the village roll of honour. The names of 69 Trumpington men are inscribed on the roll which has been erected near the west door of the church to perpetuate the memory of the men of Trumpington who "went over in the Great War of 1914-15 to defend the honour of England and to preserve unscathed for future generations the great inheritance of British justice and British liberty." 15 09 03 CIP

Eastern General Hospital sanitary section safe arrived Gallipoli; details -15 09 03

1915 09 10

Zeppelin Raid. The Press Bureau on Wednesday issued the following report; Three Zeppelins visited the Eastern Counties last night and dropped bombs. Anti-aircraft guns were in action. Aeroplanes went up, but were unable to locate the airships. Fifteen small dwelling houses were demolished or seriously damaged and a large number of doors, windows, etc., were broken. Several fires were caused but were promptly extinguished. There was no other serious damage. The following casualties have been reported: Killed 10, seriously wounded 20, slightly wounded 23, missing (believed buried in debris) 3. Incendiary and explosive bombs were also dropped in London. Total casualties in all areas: Killed 20, seriously injured 14, slightly injured 15 15 09 10 CIP

1915 09 18

“Kaiser instructs that no bombs on University” [7.2]

1915 09 24

Grand recruiting rally – advertisement 15 09 24 p4

Shepreth VAD hospital scandals and false accusations lead to application to dismantle hospital – Ald Webber, Wimbish Manor 15 09 24 p7

## 1915 October

1200 wounded arrive in 10 days [1.9]

1915 10 06

With the VTC – column giving details; pict of guarding bridges – 15 10 06cd

1915 10 08

University and war: 10,000 Cambridge men in khaki; 470 killed, 7000 wounded; over 300 distinctions won on field 15 10 08 p6

Recruiting rally, Parker’s Piece 15 10 08 p7

1915 10 15

Newmarket Road camp - escaped soldier assaulted woman 15 10 15 p2

Farming by machinery – demonstration of motor plough and tractor at University Farm 15 10 15 p3

1915 10 20

With the VTC – column giving details; pictures of guarding bridges – 15 10 20cd Ch

Nearly 10,000 wounded conveyed to military hospital by Red Cross – 15 10 20c

Motor plough demonstration at University farm – photo – 15 10 20d

1915 10 22

200 more wounded arrive; nearly 10,000 received at Cambridge 15 10 22 p5

1915 10 27

Tipperary Club workers – photo including interior – 15 10 27c

Casualties – photos: Flack, H.T. Tyrrell; F. Mansfield pow; Horace Reed, Sawston – 15 10 27d

1915 10 29

Recruiting – King’s appeal – more wanted 15 10 29 p6

## 1915 November

Cambridgeshire Regiment 4/1<sup>st</sup> Battalion formed

Kings College chapel service for University fallen - 500 names [1.10]

1915 11 03

Military marathon from Cherry Hinton Road camp - photos – 15 11 03b Ch

Mrs Elizabeth Fanny Pryor has assisted Belgian refugees and organised flag days for other causes; warden of Primrose League – 15 11 03d

1915 11 10

27 Relatives in the Forces. Mr. and Mrs. Collis, of 74, Hemingford Road, Cambridge, possess a very proud record for, besides having five sons serving in the Army, Mr. Collis has on his side, two brothers, three brothers-in-law, one son-in-law, two grandsons and 14 nephews in H.M. forces, thus making a total of 27 relatives serving their King and country. Mr. and Mrs. Collis have received the customary letter from the King. Mr. Collis is a retired warrant officer. He has served 33 years in the Army, of which 30 were spent in India 15 11 10 CIP

Serbia Day – street collection – photos – 15 11 10f

Pte A.E. Clarke, 88th Field Ambulance in Gallipoli dug-out – photo – 15 11 10g

With VTC column – can attend University lectures – 15 11 10i

1915 11 27

Pacifists & University [455.7.3]

## 1915 December

1915 12 01

Zeppelin raids – are we fully prepared. The ‘elaborate precautions’ examined – 15 12 01a, b Ch

VTC detachments – photos with names of soldiers 15 12 01f

1st Borough Red Cross Sewing Club, Masonic Hall – photo – 15 12 01g

Red Cross – what the VADs are doing – collect wounded from railway station – 15 12 01h

J.S. Horobin, cab-driver, kia – 15 12 01i

1915 12 02

University Training Corps senior division abolished for remainder of war 15 12 02 p5 CIP

1915 12 08

VTC guarding bridge over river – sketch – 15 12 08d

Mrs Amelia Stace profile – helped at Soldiers institutes, wounded soldiers; wife George Stace, mayor – 15 12 08a

VTC guarding bridge over river – sketch – 15 12 08d

1915 12 15

Joseph Fenton, Chesterton, killed by bursting of a fuse of a German shell he was keeping as war relic in his workshop – 15 12 15e; photo – 15 12 22d Ch 15 1 17 p3, p7 CIP

First Eastern General Hospital, opening of new recreation room m- 15 12 15b

Winter morning scene 1st EGH ; Cambridge V.T.C. cyclists – named – 15 12 15d

1915 12 18

Why no munitions factory? [7.4]

1915 12 22

Female postmen start duties – photos (including march past poster ‘Grand Varieties’ – 15 12 22b

RAMC officer's funeral – Nelson Johnstone – photo – 15 12 22d

VTC Guard Room – interior – drawing – 15 12 22e

VC Cockerel photo – 15 12 22f.

1915 12 23

V.C. Hero. Although the wedding was to have taken place without much ostentation last Thursday, the news of a V.C. getting married at St. Botolph's Church (Cambridge) quickly circulated and there was not only a large congregation to witness the ceremony, but a crowd assembled at the church doors to see the bridal pair leave. The bridegroom was Lt. James E. Leach, V.C., of the 2nd Manchester Regt, son of Mr. Leach of Leicester and the bride was Miss Gladys M. Digby, daughter of Mr. William Digby, of Queens' Cottages, Cambridge. The bride was given away by her father, while Lt. Turner, of the Royal Fusiliers, was best man. The congregation included many other officers and men. The service was choral 15 12 23 CIP

1915 12 24

Prisoners of war – full list of Cambs men in Germany – 15 12 24 p3 CIP

1915 12 29

Wounded Cambridgeshires return to front – photo – 15 12 29c

S.B. Andrews of Milton Road awarded Medaille Militaire – photo – 15 12 29d

## 1916 January

1916 01 01

First Eastern General Hospital open-air wards to be closed in [7.10]

1916 01 08

“Anybody who rents halls for pacifist meetings risks having it damaged” [7.11]

1916 01 12

Mount Blow, Gt Shelford, VAD Hospital & staff – photo – 16 01 12c

Haydn Inwards, violinist and instructor CUMS – profile – 16 01 12d

Bijou amateurs cannot perform due number of men in forces – 16 01 12d

Outbreak of Glanders - An outbreak of glanders among the military horses at Cambridge has resulted in several having to be slaughtered 16 01 12

1916 01 22

Cambridge branch of Union of Democratic Controls established; University group has 170 members, including Bertram Russell - “pacifist cranks”, Trinity college bans meetings [7.12,7.15]

Non-conscription leaflet around [7.13]

1916 01 26

Albina Lucy Wherry, wife of Lieut-Col Wherry of RAMC & surgeon, organiser of Red Cross VAD activity; author of pamphlets on various subjects – profile – 16 01 26b

Wordsworth Grove Hospital new recreation room opened – 16 01 26a

Freemason's Death. We deeply regret to hear of the death of Capt. H. P. Shaw who was a member of a Cambridge Lodge of Freemasons. It appears that one of Bro. Shaw's lieutenants was wounded by a sniper. Capt. Shaw immediately went to see what he could do for him and was shot dead. CIP

1916 01 29

Officers in training at Cambridge on 5-week courses have to pay 5/- (25p) a day for meals in colleges who also receive 3/- a day for billeting - "lodging house keepers glad to do it for less" [7.14]

"Cambridge girl writes to PoW boyfriend telling him to tear Kaisers eyes out - is sent his!" [7.16]

## 1916 February

1916 02 09

Closing Cambridge prison. One of the most astonishing results of the war - perhaps the most astonishing - is the effect it has, had on crime (says the writer of Town and Country Topics). This matter has been commented upon at every Assize and Quarter Sessions for the last twelve months or so. The calendars have been so light as to cause astonishment. Serious crime seems almost to have come to an end, and the presentation to the Chairmen of Quarter Sessions of white gloves as evidence of there being no prisoners for trial has become quite a common occurrence. As a consequence of this change in our normal conditions, some of His Majesty's prisons have hardly any prisoners, in them, and as a wartime economy, it is proposed to close some of them for the time being. Four or five of them have already been shut up in different parts of the country, and we understand that the prison at Cambridge is to be added to the number closed during the period of the war. It is a remarkable proposition, although we should like to that that we could get along without a prison in our midst

1916 02 16

Soldiers in the Workhouse. The Cambridge public (says the service writer) were very much shocked by the report made at the last meeting of the Cambridge Board of Guardians that three soldiers recently discharged, from the Army had been admitted to the casual ward within the previous fortnight, and the greater public outside the Borough has since manifested a good deal of interest in the case. It is a lamentable thing that the Workhouse should become the abode of so many old soldiers towards the close of their lives, and the country is quite right in endeavouring at this time to break the neck of such a bad system. We shall be ingrates indeed if we let the men who have engaged in this great war for world liberty end their days as paupers, if any effort of the community can save them from that fate.

First Eastern Hospital new bath ward – 16 02 16c

1916 02 23

Protection against raids - protection against Zeppelin raids is being taken up much more seriously than was the case until quite recently. Cambridge has had its scare, and that has stimulated action. Our protest against supineness has been emphasised by our townsmen hearing the sounds of exploding bombs by night, and the increased stringency of the light restrictions, and the heavy fines imposed by transgressors by the Borough magistrates show that we have arrived at a realisation that we are not immune, or, at any rate, that it is wisest to lock the stable door betimes. A walk through Cambridge on an average evening reveals, however, that a good deal still remains to be done, and we believe the present temper of authority is such that it will see to the doing of it.. We believe also that Cambridge is about to follow the example of other East Anglian towns, and issue more particular instructions to persons as to what to do, and what to avoid doing, should we be so unfortunate as to find ourselves being bombed. Perhaps now we shall hear no more taunts of scare-mongering hurled at those who have felt it their duty to offer warnings 16 02 23 CIP

Military wedding. The marriage took place at St. Bene't's Church Cambridge, on Wednesday week of Capt. Dalton Mallam, R.A.M.C-(T), formerly house surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital, son of the late Dr G. B. Mallam, of Oxford, and Mrs Mallam, of Wantage, Berks., and Miss Jessie Muirhead niece of Mr and Mrs. Robert Store, of Peldon Lodge, Colchester, formerly Sister of Victoria Ward, Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Chesterton local tribunal first sitting – 16 02 23c

1916 02 26

Soldiers practice throwing hand grenades on Parkers Piece - using snowballs [7.17]

## 1916 March

Protest rally by married men - "should send single men first" [1.12]

Protest at lack of control at Barnwell & Cherry Hinton VD hospitals - "insufficient guards, patients escape causing great danger"; Barnwell takes 750, Cherry Hinton 800 [1.11, 7.6, 8.11]

1916 03 01

St Chad's VAD Hospital – photo profile – 16 03 01

Snow photos: snow plough, clearing snow Market St, bus, snow balling – 16 03 01a

Regulation of Lights. Special constables wish to draw particularly the attention of householders, shopkeepers and all others that the strictest attention must be given to lights in their homes, etc. Dark blinds are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Act. All blinds must be shaded with some dark material (green for preference) and no crevices may show at the top, bottom or sides. Red Blinds with no shading are not sufficient. In the case of hostile aircraft approaching the county all motor cars, motor cycles, pedal cycles and carts will be stopped and the drivers ordered to put out their front white lights and get on the side of the road and remain there until the danger is past. The rear red light must not be extinguished and they must not travel without lights. Further all lights in houses and buildings which cannot be absolutely darkened must be extinguished 16 03 01 CIP

Cambridge Borough Tribunal – Matthew of Trinity St have had 60 men enlist, only one left in hardware department; Cambridge Chronicle apply for machine minder – 16 03 01c [other tribunals appear regularly]

1916 03 08

Military Isolation Hospitals – grave danger; men escaped Newmarket Road and plundered orchards, indecent assault; guards should be increased – 16 03 08f

Small businesses will be forced to close down owing to tribunals – letter – 16 03 08b

Wordsworth Grove VAD Hospital – photo feature – 16 03 08d

1916 03 10

Cherry Hinton Road military hospital patient dies alcoholic poisoning in detention ward – 16 03 01d

1916 03 15

Ontario Military Hospital designed by C.F. Skipper, architect of Cambridge & erected by William Sindall; others on similar lines include First Eastern, Canadian Red Cross, Scottish National Red Cross Hospital Glasgow – 16 03 15b

Local tribunals at work – names members; includes Higher Grade School, Warkworth St, head; Flack & sons bootmakers; Hayward, marquee provider for soldiers - other trades – 16 03 15g

Mrs. Fred Moore (Histon) has had the honour of being appointed a member of the panel constituted by the Minister of Munitions for the purpose of a local Munitions Tribunal for the Cambridge District. Mrs. Moore is well-known in friendly society circles, being one of the trustees of the Foresters' Court Star of Histon. She is also a member of the Trade Board

1916 03 22

Huntley VAD Hospital – photo feature – 16 03 22a

Tribunals at work – objectors, ‘conscientious’ and otherwise – members of university – 16 03 22b

1916 03 29

Protest march by attested married men – single men should be called-up first – 16 03 29d

Borough tribunal – 16 03 29

## 1916 April

Volunteer Training Corps hold manoeuvres [7.18]

1916 04 05

Lady window cleaners, Cambridge Window Cleaning Company – photo feature – 16 04 05a  
Tribunal – 170 claims; includes Winton Smith providing 3,000 sausages for army; Coote & Warren, coal merchants; Christadelphians;

1916 04 12

Funeral of wife of Lieut J. Leach, VC, 13 Fulbrooke Road – 16 04 12a; photo - 16 04 19b

1916 04 26

East Coast Zeppelin Raid. Yesterday the War Office issued the following: Three Zeppelins are reported to have come in from seawards over the Eastern Counties last night. Two crossed the coast of Norfolk shortly after half-past ten, and another followed at about 11 o'clock. A few incendiary bombs have been dropped up to the time of issue of this communiqué. Later in the day the following announcement was made: Last night's air raid on the Norfolk and Suffolk coasts appears to have been carried out by four Zeppelins, only two of which made any serious attempt to penetrate, inland. About 70 bombs appear to have been dropped. One man is reported seriously injured. No further details as to casualties are yet available.

## 1916 May

1916 05 03

VTC Easter Monday field day – photos – 16 05 03c

1916 05 10

Tribunal appeals – 16 05 10a

Hugel homes for Belgian refugees – detailed report – 16 05 10d

1916 05 17

County appeal tribunal; Cambridge tribunal includes Shrive, basket maker; Emmanuel Fellow – 16 05 17a

Seat on Market Hill for use of wounded soldiers – photo – 16 05 17b

1916 05 24

Wounded. Three sons of Mrs. Hobbs, of 4 Rivar Place, Sleaford Street. Cambridge and brothers to Mr. Jack Hobbs, the famous Surrey and Cambridge cricketer have been wounded within the last 12 months. Mr. Jack Hobbs is engaged in a munitions factory 16 05 24 CIP

St Chad's Red Cross Hospital celebrate first anniversary by an outing to Ely – photos – 16 05 24b

University exemptions appealed against, military unsuccessful – Thomas Bedford, secretary to Examinations syndicate; Walter Williams; Prof Arthur Pigou – 16 05 24c

1916 05 31

Tailors Busy. We understand that' the result of the agitation carried on some months ago to secure work, for Cambridge has been .the placing of a large order for officers' uniforms with Cambridge tailors. An order for at least 800 uniforms has been distributed between the tailors of the town. No doubt a little difficulty is being experienced in getting labour at the present time, so many tailors having long since patriotically responded to the call. 16 05 31 CIP

## 1916 June

Cambridgeshire Regiment preparation Jun – Aug 1916 RC

1916 06 07

Rev Harry Stovell Cronin, Commanding Officer of Cambridge Volunteer Corps; had served CUOTC; history of volunteers from 1859 – 16 06 07a

Lord Kitchener Drowned. A telegram has been received from the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet: I have to announce with deep regret that His Majesty's ship Hampshire (Captain Herbert) with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night about 8 p.m. to the west of the Orkneys, either by a mine or torpedo. Four boats were seen by observers on shore to leave the ship. I greatly fear there is little hope of there being any survivors. No report has yet been received from the search parties on shore. H.M.S. Hampshire was on her way to Russia. The news was received with greatest sorrow throughout the country, and in Cambridge there was evidence of profound grief. The Guildhall flag was flown at half-mast. On board ship, among others, were Sir H. F. Donaldson, brother of the late Master of Magdalene, Dr. S. A. Donaldson 16 06 07 CIP. Cambridge tribute – 16 06 14a

1916 06 21

County Heroes. We are indebted to the Chief Constable for the following list of casualties among Cambridgeshire men since the commencement of the war. The heavy casualties should bring home to all the seriousness of the conflict and the need for men. It is well to remember in considering the list that it applies only to the Administrative County of Cambridge, and not to the Borough or the Isle of Ely. The total casualties amount to 835 of whom 222 had been killed and 30 had died of wounds. 16 06 21 CIP

Wounded Arrive. Another heavy convoy of wounded arrived on Saturday night. The train, which steamed in about 8 o'clock, contained 107 cot cases and 93 sitting cases, 200 in all. The work was smartly carried out by Cambs. 13 V.A.D., assisted by members of Fulbourn detachment. The work was supervised by Commandant Percy Alger, and the train was unloaded in an hour and 20 minutes.

Decorated. Lt. Alex E. Bonham. 11th Royal Warwicks, who was when war broke out, a class master at East Road Boys' School, has been awarded the Military Cross. Lance Corporal W. Hassock, London Rifles (who, previous to joining up was employed by Messrs. W and R. Fletcher, Ltd., Peas Hill) has been awarded the D.C.M He was attached to a machine-gun section and continued to work his gun when all his comrades had fallen

1916 06 28

Serbian boys at Cambridge – 150 from six years old; pathetic story of their home leaving – 16 06 28a

## 1916 July

1916 07 05

Field Marshal Viscount French, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces, visited Parker's Piece, where inspected the Cambridgeshire Territorials from the Administrative centre, Cambridge; the Cambridge University Training Corps and the 2nd and 5th Battalion Officer Cadet Corps. Many hundreds of inhabitants had assembled. He was received with the General Salute, and when he inspected the Cambridgeshire Territorials, he told them they belonged to a regiment in which he took

the utmost interest, as he had the honour of being their Colonel. He had watched the behaviour of the 1/1st Battalion in France, and had been proud. He congratulated the officers and instructors on the splendid appearance of the men on parade, and said that great credit was due to them for the men's appearance, steadiness and marching (the recruits had been at the Administrative Centre, Cambridgeshire Regiment Drill Hall, East Road, for periods varying between a few days and five weeks). The troops later formed in column and left Parker's Piece for the University Arms entrance, Lord French taking the salute. Later he addressed a meeting at the Guildhall. 16 07 05 CIP French inspects OCC & Territorial recruits, Parkers Piece & Volunteers on Market Hill – 16 07 05a; photos 16 07 05b

1916 07 12

Big Push Casualties. There was a long list of casualties or local men as result of the Big Push, which is now progressing so satisfactorily. Large numbers of wounded have arrived at the First Eastern Hospital—as many as 460 reached Cambridge in two days—and a number of medical officers have left the hospital for service at a daughter hospital in Egypt 16 07 12 CIP

1916 07 19

100<sup>th</sup> ambulance train arrives – 16 07 19a

Cambridgeshire men who have fought and fell: photos of: Swift, Ingle, Hatterseley, Pryor, Bendall, Willis, Marsh, Dockerill, Rose, Johnson, Newman, Pearman, Richmond, Huyler, Renshaw, Goody, Stearn, Ellis, Chapman, Robinson, Barber, White, Benstead, Richmond, Ellis, Cousins, Lack, Smart, Monk, Foreman, King, Gifford – 16 07 19c [note: there are a series of photographs of casualties; I have listed names on the Cambridge Chronicle 1916 indexes]

Tribunal includes Gas Company; H.J. Gray men on war work 16 07 19b

Another Heavy List Of Casualties. Many additional casualties - the price which must be paid for all great victories - among Cambs. men at the Front, has come to hand during the past week. Mingled, however, with the expression of deep sympathy with the relatives of those who have fallen and the earnest hope for the recovery of the wounded, is a feeling of great pride in our gallant county lads and their valiant conduct in the Great Push. Fearlessly "and in a storm of shell, rifle bullets and machine gun bullets" to use the words of one of them - the lads of Cambridgeshire leaped out of their trenches when the word was given in the early hours of the morning of July 1. Many fell, but "most of the boys got there "and gloriously did they acquit themselves. Town and county have cause to be proud of the part played by their sons on this memorable July morning. And before then, too, and since. In addition to the local casualties published last week, further casualties include five killed in action (including Capt. the Hon. Roland E. Phillips, Royal Fusiliers, only surviving son of Lord St. Davids), six died of wounds, one missing believed killed, four missing, including Capt. G. W. Deighton, son of Dr. Deighton, of Hills Road, Cambridge and over 40 wounded. CIP

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1916 07 26

Tipperary Club roll of honour, Fitzroy Hall, Wellington Street – names – 16 07 19b; photo of unveiling – 16 07 26a

Heroic Officer.—Cambridge has sustained some heavy losses during the present month, and prominent among them has been the death, through wounds, of Captain Robert W. Michell, R.A.M.C., better known to Cambridge people as Dr. Michell, he having been in practice here for some years, occupying premises in Trinity Street, nearly opposite Caius College, of which he was a member. An accomplished oarsman, he was in much request as a rowing coach. Every afternoon

during Term he was to be met down the river advising either the crews of his own college or others, for Dr. Michell was always ready to give instruction to those who wished for it. He possessed a charming personality and was extremely popular with everyone who frequented the riverside. His death occurred in a private nursing home in London on Wednesday last from wounds received at the Front on July 3. Capt. Michell was wounded whilst performing an act of great gallantry, for which, we understand, he had been recommended the Victoria Cross. 16 07 26 CIP

## 1916 August

Cambridgeshire Regiment down to the Somme, Aug-Sep 1916 – RC

1916 08 02

VTC leave from Market for march to Trumpington – photo – 16 08 02a

Cambridgeshire men who fought and fell: photos of : Lowings, Townsend, Taylor, Nightingale, Thompson, Baker, Coote – 16 08 02b

1916 08 05

Rabbit thought killed in zeppelin raid - "most expensive in history" [455.7.22]

1916 08 09

Casualties photos: Billing, Redrup, Wilderspin, Wheston, Wick, Johnson, Hancock, Barker, Brand, Cooke, Taylor – 16 08 09b

King's private tour. His Majesty the King crowded a good deal into a short stay at Cambridge last Thursday. The visit being of a private character, there was little public demonstration of any sort. Few townspeople apparently knew the King was coming, and fewer still were aware of the time of his arrival. The objects of His Majesty's Visit, were to inspect the various military units in the town and to visit the 1st Eastern General Hospital, where so many of his : brave soldiers, wounded in the recent fighting, are being nursed back to health. His Majesty evinced the keenest interest in everything he saw at the hospital, and stayed for a moment or so by the side of many a wounded hero, with a thoughtful inquiry as to progress and with a wish for recovery. The King's stay in Cambridge lasted exactly 2 ¾ hours. His Majesty was in khaki, and looked fit and well. – 16 08 09d – photos – 16 08 09c

1916 08 16

Tribunal includes: Macintosh applies for cutler and grinder; Sturton St grocery stores; Higher Grade School master; Roff, grocer and furniture dealer St Philip's Rd; Verlander of Fitzroy St, china dealer; Histon Road cemetery curator; Saints garage; Cambridge Brick Company; Panton Brewery; Fabb & Tyler; 16 08 16a

Men who fought and fell; photos of: Staples, Fox, Bester, Smith, Fairweather, White, Carter, Farrow, Cornwell, Free, Carpenter, Newman, Sanderson, Worland, Thompson 16 09 16b

Tribunal; includes: Co-operative Society; conscientious objectors; Whybro & Walker; Vinter coal merchants; Dog & Pheasant landlord; master of School House, Pound Hill; Ortona; Robert C Brown, oil & hardware; Scudamore boat maker; 16 08 23b

Safe Journey. Members of the 1st Eastern General Hospital (Cambridge) staff, who volunteered for foreign service, have arrived safely at Salonica. A cablegram states: "All well after splendid voyage."

1916 08 23

Captured German Plane. There arrived in Cambridge on Thursday last a captured German aeroplane of the Albatross type, the gift of the Government to the University. When the aeroplane is erected it is to be housed in the Engineering Laboratories. Just at the moment, however, the staff is too busy to

take this work in hand. It is hoped to have it in its place in the laboratories in October, when we believe it is intended to make a small charge at first to view this interesting trophy of the war, for the benefit of the Red Cross, or some other war funds, the machine, of course, is to remain in Cambridge as the property of the university. All the parts are here and the machine appears to be in good condition. 16 08 23a

Casualties photos: Clark, Laurence, Peachey, Button, Buttress, Cooper, Allgood, Carter, Bissett, Darnwell, Goodhall, Preston, Barclay, Cornwell – 16 08 23c

1916 08 30

The military cyclist: Cambridge pioneers of the past and present – feature – 16 08 30d

Casualties photos: Jarvis, Kitson, Pearson, Rickwood, Newling, Livermore, Barlow, Blunt, Langford, Edwards, Miller, Thorner, Arnold, Bowles, Clark, Brawn, Howard – 16 08 30b

## 1916 September

Cambridgeshire Regiment on Somme, 6-16<sup>th</sup> 1916 – RC

Cambridgeshire Regiment Thiepval, 16 Sep – 10 Oct 1916 – RC

1916 09 06

Killed in action. Capt. J. V. Byrne-Johnson has been killed in action. Coming from Charterhouse to Clare College, Cambridge where he took his B.A., he became secretary of the University Athletic Club. He developed into a first class long-distance runner, and created a surprise in 1914 by doing the three miles in 14 min. 54-4.5 sec, beating J. K. Bousfield, who was considered to have an excellent chance of winning. This time was the fastest recorded at Cambridge for a number of years, and Byrne-Johnson was given his Blue. At the outbreak of war he was a member of the University O.T.C., and obtained a commission in the Rifle Brigade, getting his captaincy last autumn. Later he was appointed adjutant of his battalion. He was mentioned in dispatches – 16 09 06 CIP

1916 09 13

Adopted from Germany. What has induced our working class women in Cambridge to dress their hair with the Gretchen braid plaited over their heads? This is entirely a German fashion, and one would have thought German fashions were out of favour, particularly with women. It has simplicity to recommend it, and it is becoming to a certain type of beauty, but it is a German style, and we do not wish to copy German ways of doing things. Surely our women can find some different manner of doing their hair. The adoption of the fashion at this moment is another illustration of the insinuating way in which German ideas are spread amongst the people of this country 16 09 13 CIP

Heroes all: photos – Wilson, Alsop, Runham, Sutherland, Mowlam, Brown, Fordham, Brown, Monk; three sons out of five of Madingley family Saxon killed – 16 09 13b

1916 09 16

Melbourn Place schools last used 5-6 weeks ago as auxiliary hospital, now school again - 16 09 16 [7.23]

1916 09 20

Zeppelin attacks. The more we gain experience from others as well as ourselves the more we are able to appreciate the soundness of darkened streets and windows as, a precaution against Zeppelin attacks. There is little doubt that we have been helped in our time of peril by the obscurity which has been carefully and wisely prepared, and instead of being censured or railed at, all the people who have been concerned in enforcing the lighting regulations ought to be regarded as public benefactors, and made much of. The little personal inconvenience which has resulted from these precautions is nothing compared with the strain and anxiety which would be passed through under an actual raid. Some Cambridge people have had this unpleasant experience, and will be able to render public services by

telling their irritable friends what a raid is really like, and warning them of the probable consequences to themselves and their neighbours of disregarding regulations framed really for their safety, and not, as so many of them profess to believe merely of their, annoyance. The writer has seen at a number of places in East Anglia the results of Zeppelin bombing, when the raiders, by accident, have managed to hit a building, usually some humble cottage, and can assure readers that such results are no trifling matters, whilst the shock to nervous people is lamentable. So we hope that in place of grumblings at the powers that be we shall all do our best during the coming long dark nights loyally and wholeheartedly to second the efforts of those who are trying to protect Cambridge from aerial assault, and to safeguard the lives and limbs of their fellow townsmen - 16 09 20 CIP

Heroes: photos – Banyard, Anable, Gifford, Robert Wilson of Trumpington, Few, Porter, Nunn, King - 16 09 20a

Cherry Hinton soldier's funeral – Monk – photos – 16 09 20b

Six Sons in Forces—Mrs. Harriet Kidman, a widow of High Street, Girton, has six sons serving in H.M. Forces. They are—Pte. Frederick Kitson Kidman, 10th Suffolks; Pte, Alfred Wilfred Kidman, 11th Suffolks, wounded in the left ankle by a bullet and now at the 1st Eastern General Hospital; Pte. Jesse Kidman, West Kents; Pte. Isaac Kidman. 2nd Suffolks, who had two ribs broken in consequence of being buried by the explosion of a shell; Pte, Harry Richard Kidman, 11th Suffolks; Pte. George Kidman, 1st Cheshire Regt. wounded in the right thigh and foot and now in a convalescent home in Wales – 16 09 20b

1916 09 22

Ladies learn farm labouring at Girton - 16 09 22 [7.19]

1916 09 27

Heroes – photos: Tyler, Whitehead, Kent, Watts, Chanter, Christmas, Northfield, Hines, Newman – 16 09 27a

Tribunal – includes: conscientious objectors; Palmer, hatter, Petty Cury; Stockbridge, antique dealer; Ellis Merry, mail contractor; University Library assistant in charge of periodicals and binding – still obtained from Germany - 16 09 27b

## 1916 October

Cambridgeshire Regiment Thiepval; Schwaben Redoubt 14-15<sup>th</sup> Oct, St Pierre-Divion 15 Oct-11 Nov 1916; 200 men killed – RC

1916 10 04

Tribunal; includes: Bodger for book keeper; Eaden Lilley – 118 men have joined up; Cambridge Automobile Co making parts of motor lorries for carrying flying machines; Stearn for photographic operator & dark room developer

October as Usual. October opened as usual at Cambridge. Whatever other accompaniments of the beginning of the academic year may have been absent from the commencement of the present week, the weather was faithful to traditions, and offered the usual damp and dismal welcome to newcomers to the University. Many a Cambridge man in the past has had his early enthusiasms chilled by our uncongenial climate, but has stayed on to become a devoted son Of Alma Mater, and to realise that though external circumstances may minister to one's happiness, they can neither altogether make it or mar it, and that the great charm of Cambridge is its internal associations. It is to be feared that Freshmen this year will be fewer even than the diminished numbers of last-year, but few or many, we extend to them a cordial greeting, and the heartiest wishes that their stay with us may be pleasant and profitable.

Killed in action. We are pleased to say that our local casualty list is the shortest we have been able to publish for some time past, but regret to have to record the death of Lt. Edward Spearing, son of Mr. James Spearing (of the firm of Messrs. Eaden, Spearing and Raynes, solicitor, Cambridge) and Mrs. Spearing, Troodos, Great Shelford. Great sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Spearing in the loss of their only son, who promised in due course to achieve considerable success in local legal circles.

Won D.C.M. Another Cambridge man to win battlefield honours is Company Sergeant Major Wm. North, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, who has been awarded the D.C.M. for bravery, having crawled to the German trenches and carried his Company officer, who was badly wounded, back to our trenches. Having done up his wounds he gallantly went back and led his company to the attack. C.S.M. North enlisted in the Regular Army in 1912 at the age of 18. He was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Headly and Edwards, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, and has been in France and Belgium for two years. He is well-known in Cambridge.

1916 10 11

Casualties; includes Cherry Hinton soldiers killed by shell fire; Girton men in the Great Fight; suffering from gas poisoning

Death Alfred Paget Humphry, deputy Lieutenant ... fame as a rifle shot; fired from tower of Pitt Press aiming at the targets on University range at Backs of colleges; won Queen's Prize at Wimbledon; represented England etc 16 10 11a # c.38 : shooting

Heroes: photos of Smith, Anderson, Pattern, Young, Ingle, Brown, Long, Hopkins, Parr, Knightley – 16 10 11d

German Aeroplane. At the Engineering Laboratory (Cambridge) there is to be seen an aeroplane captured from the Germans exactly a year ago today. It is in perfect condition, with the exception of the propeller, which was smashed, and a British one substituted for use in this country. The aeroplane is a two-seater Mercedes six-cylinder, 130 horsepower machine, and was used: for observation purposes only. The number is A374, and it weighs exactly a ton 16 10 11 CIP

1916 10 18

Soldiers portraits: Stout, King, Perrin, Thurston, Northfield, Coe, Barrett, Ashman, Barker, Saddington, Thurlbourn, Peters, Arber, Godlington, Maxim, Cockerton – 16 10 18b

GER campaign for agricultural development, more eggs; poultry pointers – 16 10 18c

Women's war employment – Cambridge girls join munition workers at Woolwich Arsenal – 16 10 18d

1916 10 25

Matriculation showed that the number of Freshmen who have entered this Term is 156. Three years ago we had become accustomed to count the new members of the University in four figures, but we must be grateful for small mercies. We badly miss the stream of vigorous youth, whose annual incursions rejuvenated Cambridge and kept us from remarking the advance of age or becoming fossilised in ways or opinions. The stream is running so small now that we hardly notice its presence, but it has not altogether stopped, and is helping the University to carry on the work of the intellectual mill. The "Cambridge Review" estimates that the number of undergraduates who will be in residence this Term - men of all years - will be 444. In the Michaelmas Term of 1913 there were 3,263 undergraduates in residence, and the total had remained around these figures for several years, so it would seem that the war has reduced the roll of students of this University to nearly seven-eighths below the normal, and we are afraid we have not yet touched bottom. In spite of the numerical and financial difficulties, the teaching staff are making heroic endeavours to maintain the standards,

and the course of lectures which have been arranged are really wonderful under the circumstances 16  
10 25 CIP

Tribunal; includes – county council staff; coffin maker; assistant photographer for D.J. Scott; 16 10  
25a

Red Cross – activities of year, VAD hospitals, 26 10 25b

Soldier portraits: Moline, Nunn, Bendall, Wick, Harding, Litchfield, Matthews, Utteridge, Thaxter,  
Shipp, Noble, Ruse, Hall, Poulter, Gray, Golding, Day – 16 10 25c

VAD nurse at First EGH, occupied rooms at Selwyn where large number of nurses have been  
accommodated; dies after dressing gown catches fire – 16 10 25e

Call to women – what girls earn at Woolwich Arsenal – 16 10 25f

## 1916 November

1916 11 01

Cambridge Borough Tribunal and the Cambridge County Appeal Tribunal appear to be doing their work in a manner which should be an example to others. They realise that every interest has to be seconded to the imperative necessity of winning the war, and that if for the winning of the war practically every able-bodied man in the country has to be taken from his occupation it has to be done, no matter how great the personal or financial inconvenience, for if we lose the war we have lost everything. The last sittings of the two above-mentioned tribunals were remarkable for the few, the very few, exemptions allowed, and if every tribunal did its duty as conscientiously as these two are doing theirs, the scandals of which we have heard so much of late would soon be a thing of the past, equity would prevail, and the Army would get the men it wants, the young vigorous men, and not the inferior substitutes it now has to take 16 11 01 CIP.

Presentation of D.C.M An interesting ceremony took place at the 1st Eastern General Hospital on Sunday, when Colonel Griffiths, the Commanding Officer, presented the D.C.M. for bravery in the field that has been awarded to Corporal W. Morris of the 2nd Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. The presentation was made on the Colonel's lawn in the presence of a large number of the staff & patients. The D.C.M. was awarded to Corporal Morris "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. By his fine leadership a sap was held against hostile attacks. Though wounded he remained throwing bombs for two hours. He displayed great bravery on other occasion" 16 11 01 CIP

Tribunal; includes: Pollard & co, manufacturing confectioners; Arthur Almond master tailor; coffin maker – 16 11 01

Glove making – a new industry; when undergraduates left there was grave unemployment and Rutherford & Clothier of King's Parade introduced glove making, now producing 600 pairs a week by women working at home on machines provided by the firm; are difficulties obtaining fabric – 16 11 01b

Soldiers portraits: Naylor, Hobson, Granger, Scarr, Walker, Flack, Sutherland, Biggs, Foreman, Dant, Farrow, Wilderspin, Curtis, Bailey, Human, Foreman, Papworth, Matthews, Bailey – 16 11 01c

Wounded soldiers at Huntley Red Cross Hospital – 16 11 01c

1916 11 08

Portraits soldiers: Ivens, Colchester, Stearn, Medlock, Offley, Rayner, Radford, Norden, Stranward, Mayes, Lanham, Bridge, Hancock, Cowling, Back, Nunn; Howlett brothers – 16 11 08e

1916 11 15

Soldiers pictures: Edwards, Waller, North, Cooke, Skeet, Pitman, Sexton, Rouse, Thompson, Stone, Christian, Gifford, Berrym Gibb, Allgood – 16 11 15a

1916 11 22

Food prices protest meeting condemns profiteers; wholesale exploitation since war began – 16 11 22a

Tribunal; includes: firemen & man who drove their horses; Whybro & Waller, civil and military tailors – 16 11 22b

Portraits of soldiers: Feath, Oates, Dilley, Diver, Ladds, Froment, Newman, Mason, Howard, Dawson, Brawn, Smith, Lloyd, Wonfor, Smith, Dawson, Cornwell, Freeman, Lister, Collins – 16 11 22c

G.E.R. Egg Train. In response to the invitation of the Great Eastern Railway Company, representatives of the Board of Trade, Board of Agriculture and members of various agricultural societies, War Agricultural Committees, educational authorities, Co-operative Egg Societies and other organisations in the Eastern Counties assembled at the Cambridge Room, Liverpool Street Station Hotel, on Monday, and met representatives of the company, together with the demonstrators and lecturers who accompanied the G.E.R. Egg and Poultry Demonstration Train during its tour of East Anglia. The train, which began on October 9 at Mildenhall, concluded on Saturday last at Bishops Stortford. A total of nearly 46,000 persons, of whom by far the great number were adults, visited the train during the tour – 16 11 22 CIP

1916 11 29

Tribunal; includes conditional exemptions – 16 11 29a

Soldier portraits: Tabor, Endersby, Beedom, Carr, Carpenter, Potts, Walker, Smith, Gautrey, Clarke, Ellis, Peters – 16 11 29b

## 1916 December

1916 12 06

Casualties portraits: Billinger, Cowling, Bruce, Cooley, Cook, Dean, Jones, Newman, Hopkins, Plumb, Yaxley, Barrell – 5 sons, Starnell, Gifford, Stubbings, Stearn – 16 12 06a

Growing popularity of King's Parade as a shopping centre; a war-time evolution; traders have to adapt to loss of undergraduates and impression of high-price goods; notes on traders: A.R. Crossman, Ryder & Amies, Rutherford & Clothier, A.W. Smith, Lily Masters, Tredgett – 16 12 06c, d

9 p.m. Closure. A special meeting of the Licensing Justices for the Petty Sessional Division of Cambridge was held at the Shire Hall, Cambridge, on Saturday, when an order was made closing public houses in the division at 9 p.m. 16 12 06 CIP

1916 12 09

Soldiers from Cherry Hinton hospital steal fowls - should be isolated or move hospital – 16 12 09 [7.24]

Mr and Mrs. J. A. Holmes, of 57 Abbey Road, Cambridge, have just celebrated their diamond wedding,. They have two sons and six daughters living. One son died in Hong Kong; he took part in the Sudan War and held the medal and the Khedive Star. Their eldest son is serving with the R.D.C., having joined up soon after war was declared. They have four grandsons (all brothers) at the Front, one in the 1st North Staffs, (of the now famous Sixth Division, who were at Cambridge in 1914) having been gassed and wounded. They have one daughter, a V.A.D. nurse, connected with the

Uppingham Section. Their eldest son has also three stepsons, who have been serving since the beginning of the war in Mesopotamia. They have two daughters munitions-making 16 12 06 CIP

1916 12 13

Tribunals; includes: Verlander, hardware dealer; Borough Surveyor's clerk; - 16 12 13a

Photos casualties: Nightingale, Gladwell, Sylvester, Stubbings, Rookes, Scarr, Long, Sewell, Smith, Brown, Jacob – 16 12 13b

Photo: inspection D company, 2nd Batt Cambridgeshire Volunteers, at Cottenham – 16 12 13c

Photo: Cambridge Railway Rifle Club miniature range – 16 12 13d

Cambridge Chronicle to increase price to 1½ d due cost of paper supply – three times as much as in August 1914 the CWN and CIP doing likewise – 16 12 13e

Shopping on King's Parade does not mean paying high prices – advert – 16 12 13f

Scouts night attack on Coton – details – 16 12 13g

1916 12 20

Longstowe war shrine dedicated; first to be erected: An interesting ceremony was performed on Thursday in the village of Longstowe, when Archdeacon Cunningham dedicated a "War Shrine" in memory of the soldiers, past and present, who, from that district, had joined His Majesty's forces. The shrine is the gift of Mrs. Briscoe, of Longstowe Hall, and the design was executed by Messrs Coals, Lovell and Company, Stoke Newington, and the painting, and lettering by Messrs Rattee and Kett, Cambridge. The shrine is of polished oak, and is Gothic in design and of great beauty. Just below the eaves is the inscription: "Greater love hath no man" while, at the head of the Roll of Honour 1 are the words "For God, King and Country – 16 12 20c, e

1916 12 27

Cambridge in 1916 has been an eventful, but also a most trying year, and few will mourn its departure, uncertain though the coming days may be. The shadow of the war had rested heavily upon Cambridge, and the depression. In our material condition has deepened. The University has almost ceased to exist. Our normal industries are at a standstill. Agriculture has been crippled, trade, has been upset and homes ravaged by the necessity of withdrawing men of serviceable age to supply the manpower needed for the fighting forces. Many families have been bereaved through the toll of human life taken by this awful war and anxiety has bitten more and more into our hearts with the passage of months. Yet there has been no faltering of purpose ... no whining for an end to be put to the struggle. Cambridge has been more bitterly tried than at any period in its modern history and never have its people shown themselves more courageous. What we have lost in prosperity, we have gained in character and thus it may be that this gloomy year of 1916 has left a happier impress upon our future than at the moment seems apparent 16 12 27 CIP

Christmas at Cambridge; wounded colonial soldiers book beds for next year; includes Huntley Red Cross Hospital , Wordsworth Grove VAD & Serbian boy refugees – 16 12 27c

Photos; Borough Red Cross Needlework Workers, Corn Exchange – 16 12 27d

Casualties: Stubbings, Childerley, Curtis, Purkis, Manders, Blatch – 16 12 27d

## 1917 January

Millie Howes of Houghton will be reliving fond memories when she settles down to watch her television. She worked in the Portholme aircraft factory at Huntingdon during the First World War

helping build Camel fighters. A film made in about 1917 is to be shown on the programme showing Millie working in the factory. "When we first started we were given carpentry lessons, then put on fuselages and had to put the struts in and wire them up, I suppose where worked on two planes a day", she remembers. We earned £2 a week, which was good money, but it wasn't very warm and we had no canteen", she says 84 05 11 p13

Cambridgeshire Regiment at Ypres, Jan & Feb – RC

1917 01 10

Tribunal; includes: University Farm employees; County land agent; University library assistant; slaughter men; 17 01 10b

Intercession parade to Gt St Mary's – special constables and nurses - photo feature – 17 01 10d

1917 10 17

The future of Cambridge; prospects of the University; need for new industries: special article; pre-war prosperity dependent on University, building trade, agriculture and residential population; hopes for industry – 17 01 17a # c.49.4

1917 01 24

Combing Out. We are glad to see that, the "combing out process" has reacted Cambridge, and that several snug retreats of comfort-loving young men are being put under inspection. Some adverse comments were; made by members at a late meeting of the Town Council and by ourselves concerning the presence of men of military age and fitness in one of its departments, and we find this week that they did not fall upon stony ground. The (military service) Tribune has reviewed one of these cases, and notwithstanding the pleas and protests of his chief, the young man has to go and do his duty, not only to his country, but to the other young men who have voluntarily gone before him. Town Councils and other public bodies should set an example, and it is really remarkable that after two and half years of war and the reiterated statements of Lord Derby and our generals as to needs of men, any corporation should be found retaining in its service a single person qualified for military service, unless that person can be shown in fact, and in the clearest possible manner to be indispensable in his position in the national interest 17 01 24 CIP

Battlefield Honours—The Military Medal has been, awarded to Pte J. W, Spriggs son of: Mr, and Mrs Spriggs of 115 Ross Street, Cambridge, for gallantry in the field. Prior to joining the Colours, Pte. Spriggs was in the employ of Messrs. Bailey and Tebbutt (brewers) 17 10 24 CIP

1917 01 27

Allotment committee set to work to increase production

1917 01 31

St Chad's Red Cross Hospital: soldier repaints the hospital board – photo – 17 01 31b

Cambridge trade – pre-war problems and post-war prospects; the average trader knows nothing of advertising or window-dressing; need to publicise – Cambridge for generations has been a comfortable place to potter along in; convenience of Cambridge for factories such as making of incandescent burners for electric light bulbs – 17 01 31c

## 1917 February

Cambridgeshire Regiment Canal bank, Feb-June 1917 – RC

1917 02 07

The Battle of the Ancre and the advance of the tanks: advertisement for film coming to Victoria Cinema – includes sketch of tank – 17 02 07

Dorothy Nicholls of Fulbourn – nurse on Russian front; description of journey – 17 02 07a  
Transportation – transport to farmers of agricultural requirements, distribution to various markets and effect on consumers – feature – 17 02 07b

1917 02 14

How our prisoners are helped; strenuous voluntary work in Cambridge; three parcels a fortnight for 135 men: special report – 17 02 14a; photo feature – 17 02 14b

1917 02 17

Girls 16-18 haunt streets attracted by soldiers/grads [8.2]

1917 02 21

Averting coal-less days. Many expedients had been adopted to overcome the difficulty of coal delivery. In many instances people had been down to their last shovelful and in some cases there had been coal-less days even among the well-to-do. Some of the G.E.R. staff at Cambridge determined to run no such risks so they devoted a Saturday afternoon to unloading a truck of coal, filling bags, loading them onto lorries, and taking them home. This energetic band of "amateur" coal heavers evidently enjoyed their "afternoon out", assisted by one or two "professionals". We understand one lorry delivered nine tons of coal in one day – photo feature – 17 02 21a

1917 02 28

Cherry Hinton military hospital – suicide of soldier, gassed – 17 02 28b

County Schoolboys stake out allotments on land of Barton Road, originally Queens' College Cricket Ground – photo feature – 17 02 28c

Women Scavengers. The following is an extract from the minutes of the Paving (etc.) Committee which will come before the Cambridge Town Council, tomorrow. The chairman reported that Mrs. Keynes, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Women's War Employment, had suggested that some of the workmen employed by the Corporation might be released for National Service and the scavenging of the streets be carried out by women. The Borough Surveyor explained that he had placed no obstacle in the way of the men going, but he had not pressed any men to go. The Committee approved the action taken by the Borough Surveyor. 17 02 28 CIP

Military Cross for old County Boy. Lt. (Acting Captain) Everett, of the Bedford Regt., an old County School boy, son of Mr. E. Everett, of 27, Richmond Road, Cambridge, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry. Lt. Everett joined the Public School Corps in September, 1914, and gained his commission in April, 1915. He went to France in August last. 17 02 28 CIP

## 1917 March

1917 03 07

Licenses of pubs transferred from men serving in forces to their wives; objections to Spotted Cow, Northampton Street & Jolly Butchers, Newmarket Road – 17 03 07b

St Philip's School pupils cultivate playing field – photo feature – 17 03 07c

Tribunal; includes: Harry Barham, brush maker – had extended his business buying wood, but it no longer considered of national importance; G.P. Hawkins baker – 17 03 07e

1917 03 14

Cambridge Magazine has had no change of ownership since 1912 and not 'fallen into the hands of a pacifist clique' but its extracts from foreign press are taken from obscure and extremist papers – letter; Lowes Dickinson article on Russian Government - 17 03 14b # c.05

Motor ploughing demonstration at University Farm – ploughs with motor power directly attached to them; ladies being trained for farm-ganglers; will plough, sow seed and harvest the grain but will take it to market in a train of wagons – 17 03 14c, photo 17 03 14d

1917 03 21

Newspaper difficulties: price of materials risen 100-300%, Chronicle has lost 15 men to army and called in older men such as A.R. Hill, a former editor of Chronicle and Express. But hopes to continue – 17 03 21a

Volunteers practice bomb-throwing on Gogs – photo feature – 17 03 21b

St. Patrick's Day at Hospital. The wounded Irish soldiers are not likely to forget the celebration of the great festival of St. Patrick, which took place at the 1st Eastern General Hospital (Cambridge) on Saturday, as, through the generosity of a committee of ladies and kind friends, they were entertained in a right royal fashion. The day commenced with the celebration of the Mass by the Bishop of Northampton (Dr. Keating) in the Hospital chapel, and his Lordship addressed the large congregation on the subject of St. Patrick. At the close of the service, the Bishop confirmed one of the boys. In the afternoon a tea was given to the soldiers and Irish nurses in the hospital recreation room. Crackers, cigars and sprigs of shamrock were presented to the soldiers. After tea, the tables were cleared and a fine concert was given to the guests. The room was packed. 17 03 21 CIP

1917 03 28

Women attend meeting on war housekeeping and voluntary rationing – 17 03 28e

Marriage of a V.C. Hero. A large number of persons were present at St. Barnabas' Church, Mill Road, Cambridge, on Saturday, when Private J. J. Caffrey, V.C. of Nottingham, was married to Miss Florence Avey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Avey. 69 Great Eastern Street, Cambridge. Like all heroes. Pte. Caffrey is very disinclined to say much about himself. It was on November 15th. 1915, when Pte. Caffrey (who is a stretcher bearer in the R.A.M.C. attached to the York and Lancaster Regiment) was sent with a corporal into "No man's land" in order to rescue a wounded comrade. After bandaging the man the corporal was shot in the head whilst endeavouring to put him on Pte. Caffrey's back. Our hero then placed the man down again, bandaged the corporal and brought the former into our own lines. He then returned for the corporal and also reached our lines with him. Pte. Caffrey is also the possessor of the Cross of St. George given by the Tsar of Russia on October 23, 1914 which he won by carrying a wounded Brigadier-General to the base, which was two miles away, and all the time exposed to heavy shell-fire 17 03 28 CIP

## 1917 April

Tanks & aeroplanes used on miniature battle on Gogs [2.7]

1917 04 04

Volunteer Inspection in a Blizzard. The 1st (Cambridge) Battalion. Cambs. Volunteers were inspected by the County Commandant, Col. T. W. Harding on Jesus Close on Sunday morning. The weather was most trying, and for part of the time a regular blizzard was blowing. Under these adverse circumstances the proceedings were shorter than customary. There was a good muster, and the men stood the ordeal excellently 17 04 04 CIP

1917 04 18

Explosive Found on Gogs. On Thursday evening an accident occurred at Cherry Hinton in which a boy named Edwin Jennings, of 55 Hartington Grove, had three of his fingers on one hand blown off and the other hand injured. It appears that a brother had been to the "sham fight" (cadet manoeuvres) on the Gog Magog Hills in the afternoon and had brought home a bag. Edwin opened it and inside was a small metal tube embedded in sand. Whilst examining it, it exploded. The boy's mother, who was standing near, was knocked down by the force of the explosion but escaped injury. Dr. Coombes was called in and he dressed the wounds and ordered the boy's removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he is still lying. On inquiry, we were told he was fairly comfortable. As a result of what the injured boy's brother said that other boys had similar bags. Inquiries were at once set afoot by the police. It was found that boys had picked up various articles and cartridge cases. One boy, Onyett by name, had taken another of the (canvas) bags home, and with other boys, had actually been using it as a ball. On hearing of the accident, Mr. Archer, chemist, of Cherry Hinton Road, went to Mr. Onyett's house, and advised that the bag should be put into water, and this was done. The accident will probably serve as a warning to others. 17 04 18 CIP

"The battle of the Gogs" – fine operations by Cambridge cadets; film made by A.J. Pointer of Victoria cinema. Includes filling bombs, march to battlefield, attack and counter-attack including planes, bombs and gas – 17 04 18a; photos – 18c

Great Push. With the recommencement of fierce fighting on the Western Front the casualty lists; have assumed larger proportions, and as might well be, expected, Cambridgeshire men figure amongst, those who have fallen in the great cause of liberty. Numerous names are published. 17 04 18 CIP

1917 04 25

Battle of Wimpole and Lord's Bridge – photo feature – 17 04 25a

Volunteer notes – posted away from Cambridge; uniforms to be issued, special service men issued with army rifle; account of preparations for the great push of last July – 17 04 25b

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Appeal tribunal – very few exceptions – 17 04 25c

## 1917 May

1917 05 02

Corn Exchange – no business done, farmers practically on strike against Government fixed prices – 17 05 02

Killed. A further number of local men were reported to have been killed on the field of battle. The latest published list included six names, a Histon couple losing a second son – 17 05 02 CIP

1917 05 09

Lord Hood inspects volunteers – includes cyclists – photos – 17 05 09d, 17 05 09c

Tribunal includes licensees – 17 05 09f

Killed In Action. News has been received that Lt. Clifford H. Butler, who, previous to the war, was assistant solicitor to Mr. Ashley Tabrum, Clerk of the Peace and Clerk to the County Council, has been, killed in action. Lt. Butler was an M.A. of Jesus College, Oxford. He was placed first in the 1st Class Honours List of the Solicitors' Final Examination and was awarded the Clements Inn and Daniel Reardon Prize. After serving some years as assistant to the Clerk of the Peace for the East Riding of Yorkshire he came to Cambridge as assistant to Mr. Ashley Tabrum in 1913. In October, 1914, he

joined the ranks of the Public Schools Battalion and in December, 1915, he was awarded a commission in the Black Watch. He went out to France with his regiment early in 1916 and was shot through the head while leading his men on. Death was instantaneous. Lieut. Gerald S. French, of the Royal Flying Corps, son of Mr. Sidney French, of Llandaff Chambers, Cambridge, is reported missing. Mr. French has no official news at present, but he heard unofficially that his son was shot down. 17 05 09 CIP

17 05 16

War and treatment of animals – work of the Cambridge RSPCA ; new home for stray dogs and cats – 17 05 16c

Volunteer fireman H. Glover funeral – photos – 17 05 16d

Corp. G.H. Pedley, RAMC, military funeral – 17 05 16e

Vinery Road allotments set out – photos – 17 05 16f # c.18

Flight Serg. Frederic Slingsby, RFC, awarded Military Medal – was attacked by German, he fired 140 rounds then landed plane after pilot killed – 17 05 16g

17 05 23

General Smuts' Visit. The visit of General Smuts and Dr. Page (American Ambassador) to receive honorary degrees (Doctor of Laws) at the hands of the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University (the President of Queens') created quite a wave of excitement in the town. There were large gatherings both inside and outside the Senate on Wednesday afternoon, and the distinguished visitors were accorded a hearty welcome. Inspect troops – photo -17 05 23a

17 05 30

St Chad's Red Cross Hospital celebrate anniversary by boat trip to Upware – 17 05 30d

Capt Hugh Chaplin buried with military honours, Trumpington – photo – 17 05 30e

## 1917 June

1917 06 06

Lost In Mediterranean. Among those on board the British transport Transylvania, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on May 4 were two Cambridge men, one of whom survived and the other was drowned. The latter was Private Ernest William Taylor of Brookside Cottage, Burnside, Cambridge, and the survivor is Private Edward Brown, of 5 North Terrace, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, Another victim of the Transylvania was Sgt W. H. Norman, of the R.A.M.C. (the Rev. W. H. Norman, formerly superintendent of the Castle End Mission). Mr. M. Norman entered the Ministry some years ago, and was superintendent of the Castle End Mission for a good period. Shortly before the outbreak of war he accepted a call to the pastorate of a Glasgow Congregational Church, but he obtained leave from his church and joined the R.A.M.C., feeling that it was his duty. In this regiment he rapidly gained promotion. He had served in Ireland and France, and was going out to Egypt when his ship was torpedoed 17 06 06 CIP

Cambridge School of Flying and Aerodrome Company Ltd at Hardwick is equipped with hangars housing five Tractor Dual Control biplanes; until recently was only open to military pupils but now training for pupils intending to enter the Royal Flying Corps or Royal Naval Air Service. The machines are Cauldron biplanes. Frequently open for the public to witness exhibition flights – 17 06 06a; illustrated advert 17 06 06b

1917 06 13

Crosses erected over graves of those died in service buried at Newmarket Road cemetery – photo – 17 06 13a

Allotments. A walk round the various allotment grounds in the Borough of Cambridge is distinctly encouraging ('says the' writer of Town and Country Topics), for the most unpromising plots of the newly-cultivated land are turning out better than the most optimistic might have expected. The crops are through the soil, and show splendid promise, and the allotment holders must feel greatly encouraged and well rewarded for their labours, which have not been light. We hope that as the result of war-time measures the gardening habit may be re-established at Cambridge. A quarter of a century or so ago gardening was practised very extensively in Cambridge, and amateur horticulturists and college gardeners were produced who accomplished wonders in the way of intensive cultivation and carried off prizes even in All-England shows. The growth of Cambridge and other causes checked the gardening habits, which has now another opportunity, and we hope it may now progress. 17 06 13 CIP

1917 06 20

Chief Scout at Rally. Although some disappointment was felt at the non-appearance at the appointed time of General Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, the rally of Cambridge, Newmarket and Ely Boy Scouts on Sheep's Green, Cambridge last Wednesday was carried through with great success. "The Chief," after being delayed several hours through an air raid over London, turned up later in the afternoon, accompanied by the Member for the Borough (Mr. Almeric Paget). – 17 06 20a; pictures 20c

First Cambridge War Kitchen on corner of Church Street opened; to promote economy by cooking on a large scale and enabling people to purchase food at small prices – 17 06 20b, photo 17 06 27c

1917 06 27

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National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers meeting; thousands of finest lads in the world now back at home, shattered. Found their jobs held by foreigners. Now government says they will recall these sick and lame men. But the army wanted men, not cripples – 17 06 27b

## 1917 July

Cambridgeshire Regiment St Julien, Ypres Salient, 31 Jul – 1 Aug 1917; of the 19 officers & 451 other ranks, 16 officers and 286 other ranks were killed or injured – RC

1917 07 11

Cherry Hinton military hospital concert – 17 07 11b

War Bonus Snowball. The warning we gave in these columns recently of the possible extension of the demands for war bonuses and similar increases from public officials continues to be justified (says the writer of Town and Country Topics). A month ago the salaries of certain of the officers of the Cambridge Guardians were advanced in this way. At the last meeting of the Town Council, further members of the Corporation staff received additions to their pay. Today the Cambridge Guardians are being asked to allow war bonuses to two more of their officials. And so the thing goes on, ever increasing like a snowball, and most certainly never diminishing for to all intents and purposes these are permanent increases. We do not wish to appear mean in any way and we agree that public bodies should set an example to other employers, but we plead that consideration should also be shown for the poor ratepayers. The public as his salary guaranteed to him. The average ratepayer has not. Is the average ratepayer to be the only person who is to be called upon to make sacrifices, and is bureaucracy to go free? 17 07 11 CIP

1917 07 18

Awarded Military Medal. Private F. Jones of 10, Shelley Row, Cambridge, a regimental stretcher-bearer in the Norfolk Regiment, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty when attending to the wounded under very heavy fire during an attack east of Givenchy in September last. Private Jones, who is 21 years of age, enlisted in September 1914, and was for ten weeks in France and then in hospital in England for 15 weeks with frostbite. In March, 1915, he returned to France, and he now lies in a Chester hospital with a poisoned leg and foot. Previous to enlisting, Pte. Jones was employed at a Norwich hotel. 17 07 18 CIP

### 1917 August

Cambridgeshire Regiment rain & mud, 1-4 Aug 1917

Cambridgeshire Regiment out of line 6 Aug for 10 days

Cambridgeshire Regiment Tower Hamlets Aug & Sep 1917, Riddell leaves as commanding officer  
1/1 Cambridgeshire Regiment – RC

### 1917 September

Due to bungle Cambridge not allocated any sugar [2.9]

1917 09 05

First Eastern General sports on King's ground – photos – 17 09 05c

1917 09 12

Industries for Cambridge attract attention; is no reason they should not be developed side by side with university – 17 09 12a

Awarded Military Medal. Corporal E. Porter, R.E., son of Mrs. Mitchell, who was awarded the D.C.M. in September last for gallantry in action during an enemy counter-attack has now been awarded the Military Medal. Corporal Porter, who is 28 years of age, was formerly a fireman on the Great Northern Railway at Cambridge, and enlisted in January 1915. He has been in France just over two years. 17 09 12 CIP

1917 09 19

Pigeons. A notice issued by Lt-Col Alan Chichester, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, states; As it is all-important that carrier and homing pigeons should not be shot, the public are to refrain from shooting which all pigeons which are flying singly. If a carrier or homing pigeon should be shot by accident, the bird should be taken to the nearest police station. 17 09 19 CIP

### 1917 October

Cambridgeshire Regiment aftermath of Passchendaele, 1 Oct – 31 Dec

1917 10 03

'Trek through Northern France' – a Cambridge man's experiences by F.J.P. a man well-known in local musical and dramatic circles – 17 10 03d

Serbian Colony. An interesting reception, at which 100 people were present, was held in Westminster College, Cambridge, on Saturday evening to celebrate the closing of the temporary Serbian colony at the college. This colony has been running for the past three months under the care of the Serbian Relief Fund, to enable students to pass a matriculation examination at a standard set by the Serbians, and which the British Universities had agreed shall take the place of Responsions and Little-go. Thirty Serbian students had taken part in the exam. 17 10 03a CIP

1917 10 10

Heroic Action. Last week we recorded the heroic action of Dr Alex Wood. Commandant, of Cambs. V.A.D., 7, in diving off Silver Street Bridge and rescuing a lad who was in difficulties in the water. This week Dr. Wood gave an exhibition of lifesaving at a V.A.D. inspection in the grounds of Emmanuel College. 17 10 10 CIP

1917 10 17

Black Saturday, - The last day of last week (says the writer of Town and Country Topics) was a Black Saturday for a good many housekeepers, who flitted vainly from shop to shop in an endeavour to obtain a supply of tea. The threatened shortage had become an actual one, and it is to be feared that in many households on Sunday all manner of makeshifts had to be adopted to provide a substitute for the comforting beverage the present generation of English people have come to regard as an indispensable and common accompaniment to the breakfast and the tea table. It is by such homely crises that the fact that we are at war, and what war means, is being brought home to us even more effectually than by the terrible sacrifices of human life and physical powers we have been called upon to make in the great struggle for freedom. The experience of Saturday last was not peculiar to Cambridge. It was general throughout the country. 17 10 17 CIP

1917 10 24

The Zeppelins. Cambridge was disturbed from its long immunity from air raid warnings on Friday, when Zeppelins "made an unwelcome reappearance in this part of the country." It was gratifying to find that immunity had not rendered our people in any way intractable. The police instructions were carried out in most cases without any protests, even when those instructions went to the extreme length of directing men to extinguish their pipes or cigarettes. A few householders were a little difficult to manage with regard to lights, but that was probably due more to ignorance than from obstinacy, and now that those householders know that the danger was really near, and that carelessness on their part might have produced a calamity similar to the kind which befell two or three London areas, they will probably show more prudence in the future. The streets were extremely quiet as well as dark, and we congratulate both police and public upon the success of the measures adopted for our protection. 17 10 24 CIP

Volunteer movement 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary – account of formation and activities – 17 10 24b

1917 10 31

Lighting offences at time of the Zeppelin raid, 19<sup>th</sup> October – 17 10 31a

## 1917 November

1917 11 21

Cambridge Depot of Women Examiners of Munitions examine all such work in area – named group photo – 17 11 21a

Saved by New Testament — On October 12, at the Ypres front, a bullet went through the knapsack on the back of Pte. F. Jelks, of the Surrey Regiment, passed through a copy of the New Testament, and entered his back. In the opinion of the medical officer who extracted the bullet, the Testament undoubtedly saved the man's life. If the bullet had not passed through the Testament it would have gone much deeper in his body and killed him. The Testament was like those distributed by the Y.M.C.A. in France. Pte. Jelks is in Ward B at the 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge. 17 11 21 CIP

1917 11 22

Cambridge women war workers [8.3]

1917 11 30

Fitzroy Street shop turned into food depot; needs bigger premises – people's restaurant – 17 11 30

## 1917 December

1917 12 19

Meat Shortage. On Tuesday morning the newspapers published Sir Arthur Yapp's announcement that there is a definite shortage of tea, butter, margarine, ham, bacon, and meat, and the meat shortage looks very serious. Cambridge householders have realised all these things throughout the month of December, and now they have a special trouble of their own looming before them. The local butchers have publicly declared their intention, of closing down their shops on Saturday next "unless some higher selling price satisfactory to the butchers is fixed by the Local Food Control Committee," and this we understand the Local Food Control Committee have declined to do. The trouble is one of some standing, and has been gradually accentuated. The shortage of the supply of meat in the London markets has sent the buyers into the provincial cattle markets, and the competition of the London-men has forced prices up to a point which renders it impossible for them to sell at the maximum price fixed by the Local Food Control Committee except by incurring heavy financial loss. 17 12 19 CIP

1917 12 26

Margarine Queues. The queues, which have been getting larger day by day in Petty Cury, assumed such alarming dimensions on Saturday that one person at least was injured and others fainted. Margarine was the chief commodity sought, a supply having been delayed the day before owing to the fog. The Borough Food Control Committee took commendable action to consider how best to relieve the situation. They suggested that traders should transfer their stocks of margarine to the Corn Exchange and sell it there, and the Committee would give them every facility; they also suggested the margarine should only be sold in 1lbs, or multiples of 1lb. Some was transferred and between 2 and 4 o'clock 1,000 transactions in margarine had taken place. The people were arranged in queues outside the hall. The margarine was put up in 1lb and 2 lb packages, the limit to each person being 2 lb. Everything went off without a hitch 17 12 26 CIP [2.10,455.8.4,455.8.5], 17 12 26a

## 1918 January

Cambridgeshire Regiment gathering storm 1 Jan – Mar 1918

Russians encamped near Newmarket: a camp for officers & their families, 250 from Archangel; were POWs of Germans, later fought revolutionists (dispersed 1920) [2.1, 2.2, 2.3]

Alderman Ralph Starr entered the photographic studios of Messrs Hills and Saunders as a young man but then started a studio of his own and became one of Cambridge's most eminent photographers. He was Mayor in 1918 at a time when there was unrest among the ex-Service men. Trouble broke out in Luton and he was asked to send 20 constables to keep order. For the next three days Cambridge, which might have flared into disorder, was deprived of a considerable proportion of her own protectors but the danger passed. 30 07 15

1918 01 09

An Anxious Weekend. Cambridge housewives, in common with those of other towns are unlikely to forget their experiences of last weekend, when a shortage of meat developed. For the first time a realisation of what war really means was brought home to family circles who before had suffered slight inconveniences, without any serious effect, and now stared blankly upon the dire possibilities of encountering want amongst plenty, through the power of money being overmastered by scarcity. Some Sunday dinners were of a very unusual character, and everybody felt uncomfortable as to the future. Official statements have been made that the matter will right itself after a little while, but the state of the markets does not allay anxiety, and cattle breeders are seen to be in an ugly mood and to be stubbornly resisting the attempt to place them under a rule. The domestic Chancellor of the

Exchequer needs to be a person of no mean ability in these days to "carry on" the family affairs with smoothness and efficiency, and we must all have sympathy for her. 18 01 09 CIP

Empty VAD Hospitals, hope to use – 18 01 09b

Tribunal – cases of military tailors – 18 01 09c

Four Military Crosses. The latest honours list includes the names of four Cambridge officers among the Military Cross awards. Two are sons of Borough Councillors. They are Captain Bernard E. King, Norfolk Regiment; Captain A. P. H. Squires, Lincolnshire Regiment; Captain C. V. Canning, Suffolk Regiment; and Lieut. R. H. H. Whitehead, Leicestershire R.H.A. 18 01 09 CIP

1918 01 16

Casualties photos: Stocks, Fuller, Hobbs, Whitehead, Littlechild, Dann, Winter, Scott, Wright, Amon, Ferguson, Ranner, Parfrey, Long – 18 01 16a

1918 01 23

Record Floods. As a result of the heavy fall of snow on the evening of January 15-16, Cambridge was visited during the weekend by such high floods as have not been known for many years. With the melting of the snow the Rivers Cam and Granta assumed a very muddy and turbulent appearance, and the water gradually increased in volume until in places it overflowed its banks and inundated many of the low-lying lands in the district. Since Sunday morning, however, when the floods were at their height, the waters have subsided with remarkable rapidity. Great havoc and distress was caused by flooding to houses situate in Mill Lane, Sawston, the houses being under water some four or five deep from Saturday midday until Monday morning. The deepest flood for 15 or 20 years was experienced at Ickleton on Saturday. The river began to overflow on Friday afternoon, so that several meadows were under water, but by early Saturday morning the meadows between Ickleton and Chesterford were inundated. The people in Mill Street had a very unpleasant experience, as the street was flooded from one end to the other to the depth of several feet. Most of the people had to keep in their houses, and in some cases the basements of the houses had about six or more inches of water . . . If the river had been banked up along the meadow at the bottom of the street much inconvenience would have been saved. 18 01 23 CIP

Anzac's snow fight – Colonial cadets make most of wintry conditions – photo – 18 01 23c

OTC assist at Gas works due shortage of labour – photos – 18 01 23c

Licensed victuallers protection associate report difficulty carrying on – 18 01 23d

1918 01 30

Floods. The severe weather and the thaw of last week has had further detrimental effects upon the trees at the Backs of the Colleges and our riverside walks (says the writer of Town and Country Topics). Many old familiar arboreal friends have been dismembered, notably the veteran weeping willow on the south-west side of Trinity College Bridge. The floods which followed the thaw rose to a considerable height and considerable damage is now seen to have been done to the river banks at Sheep's Green. Part of the trouble here is said to have been caused through the flood gates at the Apron being out of repair, and a casual inspection shows them, to be in a very dilapidated condition. The condition of the streets this weekend has been deplorable, presumably owing to the shortage of labour and haulage, but an improvement is now being effected. We hear rumours of further demands from labour, which appear to be due to the irresponsible way in which workpeople are being attracted to some new enterprise. We think that representations should be made to the Government as to the mischief that is being done and a more rational system introduced. - 18 0130 CIP

Floods at Cambridge – photos – 18 01 30a

Australia Day – Officer Cadet Corps parade – 18 01 30b

## 1918 February

1918 02 06

Borough tribunal includes dentists, coal merchants, newspaper & printing trades including Morley Stuart sub-editor CDN, medically rejected – 18 02 06b

Communal Dinners. Young children enjoy midday meals at the East Road schools now. The meals, which were started on January 14, are supplied by the Fitzroy Street communal kitchen, and each child pays a small sum per week for five dinners. When the school was first started there were only 23 children who availed themselves of the opportunity of taking their dinner at the school, but now the number has increased to about 40. The dinner is served in a room which was formerly the baby room of the old school, but which for a number of years has been used as a storeroom. The room has been cleaned, distempered and decorated, and presents quite a cheery appearance. – 18 02 06c

1918 02 20

Chesterton Communal Kitchen, St Luke's vicarage, opens – 18 02 20a

Tribunal – printers and newspapers, firemen exempted, bootmakers – 18 02 20c

Fulbourn Nurse Honoured. Nurse Dorothy Nicholls, daughter of Dr and Mrs. Nicholls, of Fulbourn, has been awarded the 1914 Bronze Star by the Red Cross Society, which has been forwarded with notice from the War Office. Nurse Nicholls has been in France for six months. Previous to that she was for 18 months on the Russian Front, and has had some wonderful experiences and marvellous escapes. 18 02 20 CIP

Triple Bill. Officer Cadet Battalions presented a delightful triple bill at the New Theatre, Cambridge, on Tuesday week, as a result of which the sum of over £230 has been handed to the local funds of the Red Cross Society. The theatre was packed at both the matinee and the evening performance. 18 02 20 CIP

1918 02 27

Tribunal includes Brimley, Whibley & sons, grocers; Lion Hotel, motor garages – 18 02 27c

Cambridge Volunteers field day, Gogs include trench attack – 18 02 27d

Funeral of instructor at No 2 Officer Cadet Battalion at Emmanuel College – photos – 18 02 27e

Promotion for Flight-Command E.J. Burling, airman – 18 02 27f

## 1918 March

Cambridgeshire Regiment – the deluge, 21-30 Mar 1917; in eight days fighting lost 13 officers & 370 other ranks – RC

1918 03 13

Air crash a few miles from Cambridge; RFC officer killed – 18 03 13c

1918 03 19

National Party - anti-German - establish branch [455.8.9]

1918 03 20

The Secretary of State for War, Lord Derby, made an unofficial inspection of the 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Hospital. He visited the administrative offices, the Nurses' Mess and went round several of the wards & the

recreation room, where the Irish ladies of the town had provided a sumptuous tea on the eve of St. Patrick's Day for the Irish patients. This pleased him much. The kitchen and operating theatre were then inspected, and he expressed himself as being extremely satisfied especially with the open-air wards. 18 03 20 CIP

Too much for twist. A tobacconist was summoned at Cambridge on Friday for selling one ounce of twist tobacco in excess of the maximum retail price of 6d as fixed by the Tobacco Control Board, viz 7½d. Defendant was fined 30s including costs 18 03 20 CIP

Minister visits Hospital. The Secretary of State for War, Lord Derby, made an unofficial inspection of the 1st Eastern Hospital on Saturday afternoon last. He visited the administrative offices, the Nurses' Mess and went round several of the wards. He spoke to each patient and was much gratified when he found a Lancashire man. He also found time to visit the recreation room, where the Irish ladies of the town had provided a sumptuous tea on the eve of St. Patrick's Day—all outside rationed food—for the Irish patients. This pleased him much. The kitchen and operating theatre were then inspected, and on the termination of his visit Lord Derby expressed himself as being extremely satisfied with the arrangements, and especially with the open-air wards 18 03 20 CIP

Trumpington unveil third Roll of Honour board – 18 03 20b

1918 03 27

Princess Mary at Cambridge. Princess Mary paid her first visit to Cambridge on Saturday afternoon, and saw the old University town under its most modern conditions, its begowned undergraduates replaced by brown uniformed officer cadets and its men in many cases supplemented by women. It was in recognition of the women to the winning of the war that Her Royal Highness honoured the town with her presence. Her task was to present badges of various kinds to the Women of the Land Army and the Village Workers and to encourage more to come forward in "support of the food line" 18 03 27 CIP

War Savings. Cambridge is one of 74 towns exceeding 10,000 inhabitants which have over the whole period of 23 weeks from the day of issue, exceeded their weekly quota of subscriptions to the National War Bonds. The quota established is 10s per head per week, man, woman and child. If everyone subscribed the required 25 millions per week would be raised. Cambridge is one of the 74 towns which has not been visited by a tank – 18 03 27 CIP

Women scavengers. Women are now employed by the Cambridge Corporation as street scavengers and are performing the duties very capably, too - photo – 18 03 27e

Paper restriction order affects price and size of Cambridge Chronicle but the picture page will continue as one of the chief features – 18 03 27c

Tribunal includes J.G. Runciman, vet; Foster Bros apply workers; J.H. Priest, stationery and fine art dealer; 18 03 27d

Wordsworth Grove Hospital use Newnham gymnasium for massage and electrical department – photos – 18 03 27f

## 1918 April

Cambridgeshire Regiment – last of the 39<sup>th</sup> division, 31 Mar – 5 May 1918; for very last time left the Ypres Salient; 3-9<sup>th</sup> had to be written off as a fighting unit – RC

1918 04 03

Anzac Day at Cambridge mark 3rd anniversary - photos – 18 04 03

1918 04 10

Our Cambridgeshire Lads. We are glad to be able to contradict the sinister reports that have been in circulation concerning the Cambridgeshire Regiment. It has "passed through ten days of the heaviest fighting," and it has sustained losses, but it has not been "cut up;" and a letter which we have received from the front states that the casualties have not been nearly so heavy as might have been expected. The letter adds "the story of the fighting will make good reading for the people of Cambridgeshire when published." That we readily believe. From its very first landing in France, the men of the Cambridgeshire Regiment have gone on enlarging its reputation and adding fresh laurels to its achievements. It has been through the furnace of fiery trial more than once, and we are sure that the honour of our county is safe in its hands. May God send our gallant Cambridgeshire lads back to us very soon, happy because victorious. 18 04 10 CIP

Casualties photos: Cockerton, Perkins, Hutcherson, Jordan, Wheaton, Stangward, Townsend, Fox, Leach, Hiner, Miller, Coe, Bass, Biggs – 18 04 10a

1918 04 24

Diamond cutting industry proposed to train discharged soldiers; erect building for 36 students with the hope that a factory would be established; taking some ground belonging to County School for Girls – details – 18 04 24a

A great flood. The Cambridge district was visited last week by a flood which reached a higher level than has been recorded since the historical inundation which followed the great storm of August 3, 1879. Miles of country were under water on Wednesday; roads and paths were rendered impassable to foot passengers, the ferries at Cambridge were stopped, low-lying houses and premises near the river were flooded and the water was up to the permanent way of the railway between Chesterton and Waterbeach. Fortunately the flood water was got away quickly down stream, but its rise showed what a considerable quantity of water must have fallen in the first three days of last week, and also how important it is that there should be no obstruction at Denver. The river has shown more frequent tendencies to flood of late years than, formerly - one cause is said to be the clearing-out of ditches and water courses by War Agricultural Committees – 18 04 24

## 1918 May

Cambridgeshire Regiment – rebuilding of a battalion May & June 1918 – RC

1918 05 01

Another aeroplane smash: two airmen die when parts of wing break away while stunting – 18 05 01a  
Objected to the Dock. At the Cambridge Borough Court on Monday morning, a cycle agent was summoned for a lighting offence in respect of a window at the rear of a shop at 11.25 p.m. on April 21. Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, entered a strong protest against going into the dock for so trivial an offence, but the chairman said the Bench had decided that all defendants should go into the dock and they could not make any exception. Fined 5s. - 18 05 01 CIP

Aeroplane crash. A tragic flying accident which involved the deaths of two airmen took place in Cambridgeshire on Saturday afternoon. Two men of the R.A.F. were up in an aeroplane ten miles out of Cambridge when some portion of the wings broke away, with the result that the machine came to earth. One man was found among the wreckage and the other about 20 yards away. Both were quite dead. An R.A.F. officer spoke at an inquest of seeing the machine stunting. The jury returned a verdict that death was due to injuries received by the aeroplane accidentally crashing to the ground in consequence of the wings having broken away – 18 05 01 CIP

1918 05 08

Casualties photos: Mowlam, Pleasant, Chapman, Penton, Cowell, Marfleet, Goodwin, Burr, Murfitt, King, Jarvis, Maltby – 18 05 08b

Fulbourn Nurse Honoured. Hearty congratulations to Sister Whitmore of nearly four years' splendid work at the V.A.D. Hospital, Fulbourn. On Saturday she was received by the King at Buckingham Palace and was presented with a silver medal. At Marlborough House she was presented with a Lovel Certificate and a book entitled, "The Way of the Red Cross," by Queen Alexandra. The nurses and patients of the Red Cross Hospital, Fulbourn met the sister on her return journey and gave her a cordial reception 18 05 08 CIP – 18 05 08c

Morality of Cambridge. Speaking at the Cambridge Ruri-Decanal Conference on Friday, the Mayor of Cambridge (the Rev. Dr. E. C. Pearce, Master of Corpus Christi) referred to the question of immorality. He said he very much feared it was rife in the town. It was not only the young girls who were the offenders, it was also the older married women whose husbands were very often on active service. The Watch Committee were quite alive to the state of the streets, and the audience might be interested to hear that they had just decided to appoint two police-women (applause). That was a start and he hoped there would be more in time. 18 05 08 CIP

1918 05 15

The American is upon us. In the streets of Cambridge and in villages he is already a familiar figure. . . The air of strangeness he exhibited on his first arrival is wearing off. A society has been formed by ladies 'Association of Cambridgeshire for Entertainment of American Airmen' – 18 05 15a

Casualties pictures: Gatward, Peach, Ward, Woodcock, Dean, Fairey, Long, Coe, Goward, Burrell, Bynge, Tunwell, Marshall, Coote, Pearson, Randall – 18 05 15d

1918 05 22

The six sons of Mrs. Northfield, of 32 Bradmore Street, Cambridge, have recently met together at their mother's house for the first time since the outbreak of war, after a period of convalescence. Mrs. Northfield had seven sons originally fighting for their country, but one was killed in action in 1915. 18 05 22 CIP

Inquest on pilot killed when flying over Cambs; flying same machine as that in which airman killed earlier; engine stalled – 18 05 22a

1918 05 29

Women's Land Army demonstration. 18 05 29 CIP

Women's Land Army demonstration – 200 parade with motor tractor and traction engine; demonstration of hay bailing on Parker's Piece; should result in large numbers of girls in the district flocking to play their part by filling the gaps left in the ranks of the agricultural workers need for more labour – 18 05 29b, c

Airman killed when plane fell and burst into flames – 18 05 29c

## 1918 June

1918 06 05

Accident at Trumpington coprolite works – 18 06 05a

Women's Land Army recruiting rally – photos – 18 06 05b

1918 06 12

Tribunal; includes tailors – six businesses would be closed altogether, Runciman blacksmith – 18 06 12b

Books for the wounded appeal – 18 06 12b

American baseball players at Fenners – photo – 18 06 12c

Killed on Solo Flight. We regret to announce the death of 2nd Lt. Frederick Banks, of the Essex Regt, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Banks, 179, Milton Road, Cambridge, which took place in Hampstead Hospital, London, as a result of an accident whilst flying in Middlesex last Thursday. It was stated at the inquest that Lt. Banks descended without his engine on; suddenly he switched it on again and tried to turn the machine, which nose-dived to the ground, Lt. Banks receiving fatal injuries. It was his first solo flight. Officers of the Corps gave evidence as to the capability he had shown during his training – 18 06 12e

1918 06 19

Casualties pics: Driver, Nightingale, Elwood, Baker, Docwra, Earl, Roberts, Blogg – 18 06 19a

1918 06 26

Since August, 1914, up to the present time over 900 Old Leysians had joined the Colours, of whom, 120 had given their lives. Since the last Speech Day five more D.S.O.s and 23 more M.C.s had been won, making their total up to 10 D.S.O.'s and 39 M.C.'s. In addition to those they had two C.M.G.s to their credit 18 06 26 CIP

## 1918 July

1918 07 03

1918 07 10

Library report says people have turned to reading as distraction from war – 18 07 10a

Americans celebrate 4th July, airmen marched from railway station, service at King's then marched behind band to Fenner's for baseball match – 18 07 10c, photos 10e

Uniformed Women Scavengers. A notable feature of Cambridge streets is the women scavengers, who are now turned out in a smart uniform. They are doing their work in a very capable fashion, and keep the thoroughfares wonderfully spick and span 18 07 10 CIP

1918 07 17

Tribunal includes George Wootten, coroner; only 27 solicitors left in Cambridge – 18 07 17a

American soldiers thanks for Cambridge hospitality – 18 10 17b

1918 07 24

Bar to Military Cross. Capt H. C. Walby, M.C. North Staffordshire Regt. (attached to the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry), son of Mr. C. P. Walby, of 38 De Freville Avenue, Cambridge, has been awarded a bar to his Military Cross. Capt. Walby, who is an Old Persean, is 21 years of age. A member of the Perse School O.T.C. when war broke out, he obtained his commission and joined a cadet battalion at Hertford College, Oxford, in February, about five months later. 18 07 24 CIP

1918 07 31

Two airmen killed in flying accident – 18 07 31b

Cambridgeshire Volunteer Regiment training camp at Madingley – 18 07 31c

## 1918 August

Cambridgeshire Regiment Morlancourt 7-19 Aug 1918 – RC

Cambridgeshire Regiment time for reflection 19-20 Aug 1918

Cambridgeshire Regiment Battle of Bapaume 21-27 Aug 1918 – with Amiens drover Germans back

1918 08 07

Cambridge and America – lectures – 18 08 07b

Women workers at gas works – photo feature – 18 08 07c

1918 08 14

1918 08 21

Flying fatality inquest – 18 08 21a

Grocers ask to be able to cancel coupons by stamping them with a rubber stamp or indelible pencil instead of cutting them out as at present – 18 08 21b

Vicar's Return. It was announced at St. Luke's Church, Chesterton, on Sunday that the Vicar, the Rev. W. W. Partridge, who for the past 12 months has been acting as a chaplain to the Forces in Salonika, had landed in England and expected to be in Cambridge in the course of a few days. 18 08 21

1918 08 28

Staying in Russia. News has at last come through that of the whereabouts of the Vicar of Pampisford's daughter, Miss Margaret Barber. She went out to Serbia as a V.A.D., and remained with Dr. Berry's unit until sent home by the Austrians. After a month in England Miss Barber went with the Lord Mayors Armenian Relief Expedition to Van. When the rest of the party returned home, she took up work in East Russia among Polish refugees and German prisoners. The work has ceased and a returning doctor brings news that Miss Barber is still remaining in Russia again assisting Armenian refugees who are fleeing from the Turks over the Caucasus at Vladikavkaz. – 18 08 28 CIP

## 1918 September

Cambridgeshire Regiment – the turning point, 1-3 Sep 1918, Clayton given command

Cambridgeshires

Cambridgeshire Regiment – Nurlu 4-6 Sep 1918

Cambridgeshire Regiment preparing for Hindenberg line, 6-17 Sep 1918

Cambridgeshire Regiment – Epehy, 18-30 Sep 1918 – 6 officers killed, 6 wounded; 36 other ranks killed, 152 wounded

Leper chapel dedicated for use of troops in Barnwell area [2.15]

1918 09 04

Killed by Shell. A letter of no small importance, since it tells of the fate of three Cambridge officers, Lieut.-Col. Edward T Saint, D.S.O., Capt. and Adjutant Alec Johnson and Lieut. H. F. Driver, M.C. has been received in Cambridge. It states these three officers were in a dug-out at Battalion Headquarters about nine o'clock on the morning of August 28 when a shell burst nearby, killing Lieut. Driver and another signalling officer, who was with him, instantly. Capt. Johnson, more fortunate, escaped miraculously with flesh wounds, but Lieut.-Col. Saint was so severely injured that he succumbed on the following day. Lieut-Col. Saint was a son of Mr. William Saint, builder and contractor, and was a motor engineer on his own account. Capt. Johnson is the elder son of Mr. Percy Johnson, of St. Barnabas Road, Cambridge, and Lieut. Driver was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Driver, 82 Hills Road, Cambridge - 18 09 04 CIP

Major Bertram Hopkinson, Prof of Mechanism at Kings, killed in flying accident; worked with RAF carrying out many experiments resulting in vast mechanical improvements – 18 09 04a

‘Cambridge Magazine’ publishes Bolshevik newspaper cuttings ... honours German spies ... good name of Cambridge being imperilled by this alien production ... 18 09 04b

Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of Admiralty – profile – 18 09 04c

Casualties biographies, includes junior bursar of Trinity, Capt Tebbutt etc – 18 09 04d

1918 09 11

Discharged and demobilised soldiers meeting ... train disabled; proposed hostel in Cambridge – 18 09 11a

Tribunal; includes: printers, bootmakers, J.B. Walford of Ortona – 18 09 11b

Sailor's Lucky Escape. An interesting account has been recorded of the adventures of a Cambridge youth. F. Williams, whose parents reside at 55 Argyle Street, Mill Road. Williams went into the Navy two years after he left school. At the opening of the war, he was with the Grand Fleet, and participated in the scrap at Siligoland. He was wounded and was in hospital at Clapham for about three months. After a subsequent training in gunnery, he was appointed to a station ship in the Mediterranean, and the news now comes through that his boat was last month torpedoed and sunk in less than two minutes. Eight of the crew were lost, including two officers. Every man stood to his post until the ship turned right over and slipped quietly into the water. Williams was, by chance, the last to leave the ship, as he was pinned on the bridge until the boat sank, when the water released him. He reports that he came out of it very luckily, only having his left hand injured. After being an hour in the water he was rescued and taken to sick quarters on shore. 18 09 11 CIP

1918 09 18

One of the 33 machine-guns captured by the Cambridgeshire Regiment is now on view in Sidney Street - 18 09 18 CIP

Distributors of hay and fodder to register customers - 18 09 18a

Men just back from the front on leave have a very strong feeling indeed about the mania for striking, which is running through this country at the present time. There is no lack of sympathy with labour among the men out at the front, but these men are in touch with actualities and see for themselves that a crisis can be turned signally to our immediate advantage if we all put our backs into it, and that any contrary action will have the effect of prolonging the war. They are making enormous sacrifices and passing through horrifying experiences which, the imagination of the people at home cannot picture, and they are naturally indignant at the selfish action on the part of their fellows which is disturbing the comfort of the soldiers' families and tends to keep the soldier himself longer out in this awful hell 18 09 18 CIP

1918 09 25

Fatal air crash – 18 09 25a

Tribunal; includes: Joseph Reed, worried that might damage his singing voice, sings at charity concerts, F.W. Smith butcher, Jenkins fishmonger, – 18 09 25c

Bar to Military Cross. Temporary Captain C. V. Canning, youngest son of the late Mr. Wm. Canning, of 40 De Freville Avenue, Cambridge, has been awarded a bar to his M.C. While in command of his company he established a bombing block and drove off four determined enemy attacks. He rescued five prisoners from the enemy. He showed great tenacity and skill in handling his company under the most trying circumstances. 18 09 25 CIP

## 1918 October

Cambridgeshire Regiment advance from Vimy Ridge 1-10 Oct 1918  
Cambridgeshire Regiment – the final advance, 15 Oct-20 Nov 1918

1918 10 02

In Memory of the Fallen. A service, which will take its place among the great historic local events of the Great War, was held at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Thursday, in memory of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of Cambs and the Isle of Ely who have paid the Great Price. The gathering was fully, representative of the County, Borough and the University and the scene; in church was a most striking one - 18 10 02 CIP

1918 10 09

Borough food control committee; protests against winter price of milk – large amount coming in to Cambridge; does not allow margin for producers – 18 10 09b

Castle End roll of honour recently unveiled – 18 10 09c

Women's Institutes work in Cambridgeshire, various industries – cobbling, hurdle-making, pig keeping; are over 200 National Service girls working on farms in Cambridgeshire – 18 10 09d

1918 10 16

Royal Visit. It was certainly not royal weather that accompanied the Queen and Princess Mary on their visit to the tuberculosis colony at Papworth Hall and the First Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge. Nevertheless, the actual proceedings were in no sense dampened by the weather, and the royal visitors appeared to spend an exceedingly interesting afternoon. One incident worthy of mention was at the First Eastern Hospital, where the Queen, evidently recognising the difficulties which beset a photographer owing to the bad climate conditions, at her own request stood for a few moments to enable him to secure a snapshot. 18 10 16 CIP

Volunteers of the Cambridgeshire Service Company who undertook whole-time defence duties in the early summer when country being denuded of troops have returned home – 18 10 16a

Petersfield, Sturton Town communal kitchen proposed – 18 10 16a

1918 10 23

Fatal accident at aerodrome – inquest at EGH – 18 10 23b

Casualties photos: Boughey, Benstead, Cottam, Long, Rule, Horspool, Watson, Radford, Loker, Cutting, Webb, Vail, Rich, Gentle, Cowell, Blincoe – 18 10 23d

1918 10 30

Two airmen killed in flying accident – 18 10 30a

Influenza Epidemic. There are no signs yet in Cambridge of the abatement of influenza; in fact, outlying districts, which were immune a week or two ago, are now attacked, and the epidemic still proceeds. We learn that the public schools, which were to have re-opened next Monday, will in all probability remain closed for a further period. The doctors agree that the present type of the disease is very virulent, and one of its features is the great rapidity with which it spreads. There has been a tremendous run on the chemists for eucalyptus, quinine, etc., but the great preventative is, we are told by the highest authority, "open air and free ventilation." – 18 10 30 CIP

## 1918 November

Cambridgeshire Regiment demobilisation and retrospect 20 Nov 1918 – 21 May 1919  
Colour party repaired to Cambridge and brought out the colours – RC p271

1918 11 06

First Cambridge War Shrine. The first war shrine in Cambridge was blessed before a large congregation at St. Mary-the-Less Church at a special service on Sunday morning. The ceremony was performed by the Priest-in-Charge (the Rev F. Thatcher) before the choral Eucharist. It is interesting to note that Sunday was kept as the 566th anniversary of the dedication of the church. The shrine, which has been subscribed for by 124 members of the congregation, including men from-the trenches and the Navy, is a real work of art. - 18 11 06 CIP

Fitzroy Street communal kitchen started in June, now sells 2,000 portions of food daily – photo feature – 18 11 06b

1918 11 13

End of the War. Peace, peace at last! We can hardly realise the fact even yet, after 48 hours of rejoicing and thanksgiving. Throughout Sunday the world stood waiting and waiting, and at 10.30 on Monday the British Premier (Mr. Lloyd George) announced: "The Armistice was signed at five this morning, and hostilities are to cease on all fronts at 11 a.m. today". The news reached Cambridge at 11 o'clock and spread like wildfire. The first signal was given by the hoisting of the Union Jack on the Town Hall, and the churches and colleges quickly followed suit in setting joy-bunting floating. With feverish speed all Cambridge hung out bunting, and women and children bedecked themselves with miniature flags or trapping of red, white and blue. Utter strangers stopped and congratulated one another and soberly murmured "Thank God" and there was a tremendous rush upon the Post Office to dispatch telegrams to absent friends. Cambridge was deprived of the voice of its joy-bells by the 'raggers' breaking into the belfry of Great St. Mary's Church and putting the famous peal out of action by their amateur efforts to set them ringing - 18 11 13c, CIP

Casualties photos: Linsey, Wehrle, Redfarn, Mallows, Tomson, Elliott, Arnold, Carlton – 18 11 13g

Serbian fund – are 11 undergraduates in residence – 18 11 13h

1918 11 16

J. Gambling entertains EGH - 100 the performance [8.8]

1918 11 19

First real food shortage, even at Maypole – 18 11 19 [8.7]

1918 11 20

Armistice Celebrated. Cambridge "let itself go" with full vigour on November 11 on receipt of the news that the Germans had accepted and signed the drastic armistice terms of the Allies, and the rejoicings were kept up on every evening throughout the week. The effigy of the Kaiser was hoisted on the point of a bayonet and carried through the streets, to be consigned to the flames of a Market Hill bonfire one evening. A cadet, attired as a padre, attended to the "obsequies". Later processions of cadets met on the Market Hill engaged in a Big Push. Premises occupied by the "Cambridge Magazine" at the corner of St. John's Street were wrecked by a crowd. Two other shops in the same occupation were treated in similar fashion. 18 11 20 CIP [4.4]

Roll of Honour – lists of men who joined forces from local firms: Ortona motor co, G.P. Hawkins – 18 11 20a; Macintosh – 18 11 20f; Cambridge Scientific Instrument Co – 18 11 20g; Robert Sayle – 18 11 20i; Hallack & Bond – 18 11 20o; Chivers 18 11 20r; Winton Smith – 18 11 20w; Co-op – 1811 20x, Matthew & son – 18 11 20zf

Photos of 6th Division stationed in Cambridge for training in 1914 – 18 11 20b

Photos of mobilisation at start of war – Market Hill, leaving from railway station for training, French inspects troops – 18 11 20d

Cambridgeshire Regiment colours in GSM at service fallen – photo – 18 11 20e

Photos: intercession service on Parker's Piece Aug 1918, degree for President Wilson, despatched food parcels, U-Boat poster – 18 11 20h

Our part in the war – what Cambridgeshire has done; a notable record by A.R. Hill; detailed summary – 18 11 20j, p, q, s, t, u, y

Photos; Royal visitors – 20 11 20k; notable visitors – 18 11 20l; war-time mayors – 18 11 20m, n

Photos: scenes on Market Hill at news of armistice; Kaiser effigy, Cambridge Magazine ragged – 18 11 20v

Photos: first batch of wounded arrive 1914; armistice thanksgiving – 18 11 20z

Comforts for troops and prisoners of war help committee: report on its activities during war by Mrs Mellish Clark – 18 11 20za

Cambridge Serbian colony: report on its activities from 1916, were admitted as undergraduates, by A.C. Seward – 18 11 20zb

Cambridge food economy committee set up 1917: report on its work, by Mrs Keynes – 18 11 20zc

Tipperary club: report on activities – 18 11 20zc

Belgian hospitality committee: report on activities – 18 11 20zd

Red Cross Society – report of activities during war, hospitals etc – 18 11 20zd

Food control committee – report of activities during war – 18 11 20ze

#### 1918 11 27

Free Library popular – 1,000 borrowers on Saturday; does not have the convenience of the open shelves which is a popular feature of the most up-to-date libraries but have put up a counter and wall cases in which a selection of books is placed; the recently added reference library appreciated. The reading room is literally crowded in the evening. The Librarian, Mr Fenton, who is in khaki, has reached France and will soon be back to resume his duties which are being ably discharged by his chief assistant – 18 11 27a & b

Terrible barbarities upon British prisoners – account of seaman and H.J. Ranner of Catharine St – 18 11 27d

Prisoner of war help committee – named group photo – 18 11 27g

Comrades of Great War club to be opened, Sidney St – 18 11 27j

#### 1918 December

National Kitchen, Mill Rd, opened [2.16]

#### 1918 12 04

Prisoner of war experiences of Arthur Kidd – 18 12 04a

Influenza Scare. At a meeting of the Cambridge Borough Food Control Committee, the Executive Officer (Mr. G. R. Kett) reported that shops were complaining that they were getting large stocks of bacon on hand because people would not buy it on account of the idea that influenza was due to eating it. He had asked the opinion of Dr. Laird (Medical Officer) on the subject. Dr. Laird had written saying that he could not find the slightest evidence in support of the idea that the present outbreak of influenza was attributable to the eating of bacon from animals which had suffered from swine fever. There was no evidence of swine fever being transmissible to man – 18 12 04 CIP

1918 12 11

Wordsworth Grove Hospital has Newnham gymnasium lent to them for their massage and electrical department, a large, airy bright building where between 30 and 40 cases a day are treated—men in hospital in the mornings, and out-patients and discharged soldiers in the afternoons from Swavesey, Newton, Harston, Duxford and outlying villages. The treatments are massage, galvanism and Faradism, radiant heat, hot air and ionisations and exercise. The work here, as in all other Red Cross Hospitals in the county, is carried on under the supervision of Miss Laven, who has been untiring in her efforts on behalf of the wounded ever since the outbreak of war 18 12 11 CIP

Scientific Instrument Company war workers – group photos – 18 12 11b

1918 12 18

Colours taken to France. An interesting and historic ceremony took place at Great St. Mary's Church on Monday afternoon, December 9, when the magnificent Colours of the Cambridgeshire Regiment were delivered into the hands of an escort which had come over from France to take them back to the Regiment to be used in the triumphal march of victory. There was a large gathering of people to witness the ceremony. Major D. J. Freyer (O.C.T.F. Depot, Cambridgeshire Regiment, East Road, Cambridge). Lt. B. Pooley and Lt. H. H. B. Grain went up the aisle to the altar, where the Vicar (Rev. C. Hulbert) handed over the Colours. After the ceremony the escort marched straight to the station, and returned to France the same night. 18 12 18 CIP

1918 12 25

Life one continual persecution: Cambridge woman's experience at Lille during German occupation – 18 12 25a

New communal kitchen for Petersfield, Romsey Town & Sturton St opened – 18 12 25c

Comrades of the Great War. The new headquarters and club at 41, Sidney Street, in connection with the above society, is to be informally opened by Brigadier General E.P.A. Riddell on December 21. The new premises will include two billiard rooms, reading and writing room, card room, bar, secretary's office and all modern conveniences in the shape of baths, etc – 18 12 25d

## 1919 January

1919 01 22

Returned Prisoners Welcomed. Cambridge gave an enthusiastic welcome home to the returned prisoners of war on Wednesday last. A ready response was made to the request that the Inhabitants should hang out flags and decorations and thousands of people assembled on Parker's Piece and lined the streets to watch the men pass. The proceedings commenced with a general muster on the Piece, which was fortunately favoured by fine weather. Invitations had been issued to some 900 men, and the parade, when assembled, showed a response of about 850. Most of the men were in khaki, and were members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, the Cambs. Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment (Kitchener's) or the Suffolk Regiment. A few were in plain clothes or in naval uniform. The men paraded through the streets to the Guildhall, where the Lord Lieutenant gave a heart-to-heart address, saying "Welcome, home to England," and adding that the country was proud of them. He wished

them, on behalf of the county, a happy return to their homes, great prosperity in the future, and forgetfulness of the horrors they had been through. List of names – 19 01 22b; photo – 19 01 22c CIP

1919 01 29

Minister's Visit. An interesting visit was paid to Cambridge by the Rt. Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, President of the Board of Education, on Saturday, when he inspected the School of Education recently established by the Educational Department of the War Office at Corpus Christi College for the purpose of preparing officers and, N.C.O.'s as instructors in connection with the educational work which is to be carried on in the Army when demobilisation takes place—and afterwards delivered an address to members of the school 19 01 29 CIP

400 cadets from naval educational expeditionary party to be based in colleges; were cadets in 1914 who were mobilised from Dartmouth when war declared. Will remain from 5-6 months. They will study mathematics and science at Cavendish and Engineering Laboratories and range of subjects. HQ at Trinity – 19 01 29b

### 1919 February

VAD scheme for demobilised, 21,091 patients treated during war [3.13 Huntley VAD hospital closed [2.14]

1919 02 05

VAD nurses gathering in Guildhall – photo – 19 02 05a

Heavy snowfall, Garret Hostel bridge – many more people have passed over this bridge during the past four years on their way to First Eastern General Hospital that throughout the whole of its previous existence – 19 02 05c

1919 02 12

Rowing restarts; photos of naval officers crossing Dant's Ferry, Jesus Crew etc – 19 02 12e

Skating at Newnham – photos – 19 02 12f

1919 02 19

Floods highest since 1879; homes inundated Riverside & Newnham, parapet of house in Parker St collapses – 19 02 19a

Col Griffiths of EGH criticises Cardiff hospital; is criticised in return: EGH wards improvised stables, patients suffered pneumonia, nurses blue with cold – 19 02 19c

Cambridge recovers: undergraduates returning, rowing, University clubs restart. But old times are not back. University life has replaced military life but it is a different sort of University life to that of before the war. The men are up for work and not for play, being educated at expense of the State. Claims that sons of war profiteers will come up on papa's millions are untrue. Extravagance will be discouraged. But Varsity men got best berths and hundreds will want their sons to have chance of obtaining education. University is cheapening and quickening the pathway to degrees. Cambridge air makes people slow and sleepy. But in agricultural area with good railway communication and room for dwellings for workers. Chamber of Commerce needs to start a boom – 19 02 19d

Presentation of colours to Suffolk Regiment, recruited in Cambridgeshire in a small French village in Somme valley – 19 02 19e

Lately returned prisoners. A small party was given by the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Prisoners of War Help Committee in the Small Room of the Cambridge Guildhall to those prisoners of war repatriated since January 15. The afternoon began with a short concert. The Mayor spoke a few words

to the men before tea, and afterwards they adjourned to the Victoria Cinema, where, through the kindness of Mr. A. J. Pointer, a delightful entertainment was provided. 19 02 19 CIP

## 1919 March

1919 03 05

Oxygen treatment for gas poisoning, specially erected chambers at 'Springfield', Sidgwick Avenue in connection EGH. Research started in Physiological Laboratories early in 1917 under Joseph Barcroft who made Superintendent in Physiology to Ministry of Munitions. Thirty cases have been treated. Requires exercise and physical training in spacious grounds. Has inner chamber of iron and glass which is airtight. Oxygen added. – 19 03 05a

1919 03 12

Bus service allegations of inadequacy, irregularity and overcrowding; interview with J.B. Walford of Ortona with details, including wartime when ran buses to Ministry of Munitions works at Hauxton and Grantchester – 19 03 12b

1919 03 19

Schools re-open after flu. Forty-three of the elementary schools in the county of Cambridgeshire, which had been closed for varying periods, owing to the widespread epidemic of influenza resumed work on Monday. A few still remain closed, but it is expected these will open next week. Altogether schools in about 60 parishes were closed, the epidemic having invaded practically every parish in the county. The epidemic commenced in the early days of February, but was limited to a few parishes until the end of the month. Many of the schools were closed as a precautionary measure. A few deaths occurred among young children. 19 03 19 CIP

1919 03 26

Cambridge after the war – County Life article by Bernard Darwin ... officers have vanished, tailors windows no longer full uniform, undergraduates in Norfolk jackets and grey flannel trousers; lodging difficulties; no more idlers; more agricultural students – 19 03 26a

## 1919 April

Rates rise; problem caused by returning soldiers who left as boys & return as men [3.18]

American soldiers at Cambridge: 200 students – Times 21 Apr 1919 [10.1]

1919 04 02

Cambridge industries: what firms have done during the war; how to encourage factories; address by H.S. Whipple. Includes: Chivers for jam and food stuffs, W. Saint made heavy crates and repaired ammunition boxes; Coulson & Lofts – locker cabinets for munitions; C. Kerridge – crates for jam and doors for huts; H.J. Gray – signal flag poles; P.H. Allin - Stokes shells and Mills grenades; Engineering Labs – high-explosive shells and gauges for manufacture other war equipment' Gas Light Company – benzol for high explosive and ammonical liquor for agriculture, tar for distilling for navy; CUP printed 1.6M copies of New Testament for troops; Suttle made chevrons and badges, part of 15,000 officers' uniforms; Mackintosh made gas chambers for treatment of those gassed in France, includes order from American army; King & Harper controlled all the mechanical tractors and implements within 15 miles which ploughed 16,000 acres in 1918; first two had been intended for hauling Russian guns but ploughed eight furrows at time; W.G. Pye mad height finders for aeroplanes, special telescopes, sights for guns, electrical instruments etc; Cambridge Scientific Instrument Co made pyrometers for controlling temperature in manufacturing of war materials such as cartridge brass, manufacture of cordite etc; optical pyrometers formerly only made in Germany; special workshop for thermometers for aircraft ensuring water did not freeze in high-flying planes as well as instruments to determine height and special experimental work. Also considers future industries, need for housing etc – 19 04 02a

Club life for ex-service men – Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers & Comrades of Great War – 19 04 02e

1919 04 16

Killed by Shell fuse. A mystery, unsolved in spite a searching inquiry by the Cambridge Coroner and exhaustive inquiries by the Borough Police, attaches to the tragic death of Ernest Arthur Kitchener Ketch, a four-year-old child (whose parents reside at 6 Cheddars Lane, Cambridge) who died as the result of the explosion of a shell fuse on the Newmarket Road on Saturday morning. The child was seen playing with the fuse; where it obtained this deadly plaything remains a mystery. The fuse is described as "the most dangerous kind known," being of very high explosive and particularly sensitive. Four persons, in addition to the deceased child, were admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital on Saturday morning, suffering from injuries caused by the explosion. 19 04 16 CIP

The difficulties of the returned soldier; county council staff who left as boys, came back as men – 19 04 16b

1919 04 23

Gallant Cambridgeshire Men. In presenting their fifth War Report, Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association place on record their great pride in the gallant and distinguished services again rendered in France and Belgium last year by those units which were raised in the County, viz, 1st Cambs, 11th Suffolks (Cambs Battalion), 203rd Field Co, R.E., (Cambs Company) and the Suffolk Yeomanry. The Cambridgeshire Regt has again added to the great name it has made for itself on the battlefield of France, and the long list of honours awarded to the regiment is striking testimony to the great gallantry of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men. The Association had to mourn the loss of one of its members, Lt-Col E. -T. Saint, D.S.O., Officer commanding 1/1st Battalion, the Cambridgeshire Regt, who died of wounds received in August last. Col. Saint was a distinguished officer, and his death was a great loss to the Regt. Col Saint was succeeded in the Command by Major M. C. Clayton, D.S.Q. 19 04 23 CIP – detailed article – 19 04 23c

Captured German Guns. Two captured German field guns are being exhibited on the Market Hill Cambridge but are however attracting comparatively little attention. 19 04 23 CIP

Training the disabled soldier, includes diamond cutting – detailed article – 19 04 23a

1919 04 30

Alleged German guns on view Market Hill; these samples of scrap iron should be consigned rubbish heap – photo – 19 04 30d

United war memorial for University Town and County; Addenbrooke's Hospital to be enlarged; names of fallen in Ely Cathedral – proposals at Lord Lieutenant's Committee meeting – 19 04 30f

Red Cross Society; closing down the hospitals, most closed this month – 19 04 30g

United War Memorial. There was really very little difference of opinion at a meeting of the Lord Lieutenants Committee, held on Saturday at the Cambridge Guildhall, respecting the form of the proposed united University, Town and County memorial to our fallen should take, two proposals respecting visible memorials meeting with unanimous approval and the adopted scheme for the utility memorial receiving the support of the overwhelming majority of the committee. The proposals which it was decided to put forward for consideration by the public were Visible memorials: (1) That a record of the names of all Cambs and Isle of Ely men who have fallen in the war be kept in Ely Cathedral, (2) That the sub-committee be asked to consider the question of a Monument of Victory in Cambridge or elsewhere. Utility Memorial (3) That Addenbrooke's Hospital be extended and made more complete 19 04 30 CIP

## 1919 May

200 American student soldiers up for May term [455.10]

1919 05 14

Shelford VAD Hospital winding up ceremony – 19 05 14a

Wordsworth Grove VAD disbanding – photos – 19 05 14d

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1919 05 21

Corporation reject offer of a tank as memorial; but two guns purchased, one is in store yard, the other in a little piece of garden in Tenison Road – 19 05 21a

1919 05 28

Cambridgeshire Regiment home-coming; enthusiastic scenes; account of actions etc.  
Welcome back to Cambridgeshire Regiment. Everyone in Cambridgeshire seemed to be in Cambridge as escorted the colours through crowded streets, 21 May; nearly 900 killed – kia or died of wounds 77 officers, 789 other ranks; wounded 150, 3299 – totals officers 236, other ranks 4,088 – 19 05 28a-f; pictures

## 1919 June

1916 06 14

Women's Land Army. The County Land Girls (Women's Land Army) were given an "At Home" at the Lion Hotel. A number received Good Service Ribbons from Mrs. Adeane and eight were presented with special badges for meritorious service. 19 06 14 CIP

1919 06 18

Memories of Albina Wherry, VAD nurse on station and aircraft precaution squads; describes scenes on Red Cross railway trains full of wounded soldiers – 19 06 18f

County VAD's, over 21,000 patients received in hospital – 19 06 18b

1919 06 25

Military Cross for Lieutenant. Lt. E. E. Miller, of the Wilts. Rgt (attached to the Gloucester Regt.), of 82 Sturton Street, Cambridge, has been awarded the Military Cross for services on the Italian Front. Lt. Miller, who was an old Cambridgeshire Territorial, was called up at the outbreak of war, and has seen service on three fronts. He trained at Cambridge as a cadet and was subsequently gazetted to the Wilts. Rgt, being later attached to the Royal Berks. He is now attached to the Gloucesters. 19 06 25 CIP

## 1919 July

Peace proclaimed, 6<sup>th</sup> July, CDN post news within 45 minutes of signing; unofficial rejoicing, hooligan displays [3.22,455.8.10]

Barnwell hospital accommodates 750, Cherry Hinton 800 [455.8.11]

1919 07 09

Peace Day Festival. The Peace Day Festival in Cambridge may be written down as a decided success. In the main event of the day—a huge dinner on Parker's Piece to the discharged and demobilised men of the Borough—there was not a hitch of any kind. The arrangements were as near perfect as could be secured and the men seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves. The town presented a gay appearance, all the principal thoroughfares being decorated with flags, streamers, etc. Nearly every side-street, too, had its decorations - there were flags and bunting everywhere. Immediately under the Guildhall clock was a large laurel wreath in the centre of which were the words "Their name liveth for evermore." At intervals during the day peals were rung on church bells. Several of the business premises in the town were illuminated with coloured lights during the evening 19 07 23 CIP 19 07 09a

VC Cockerel sold for £100 at Cattle Market, probably his last appearance – 19 07 09e

1919 07 16

From air: across West Road to First Eastern General – 19 07 16b

Victory loans – Cambridge subscribe over £1m. – 19 07 16d

Railwaymen commemorate staff who died – 19 07 16d, photos – 19 07 23l

1919 07 23

Famous Generals & Admirals honoured by University – Sturdee, King-Hall, Wemyss, Pershing, Rawlingson, Birdwood, Wilson, Horne, Cavan, Currie, Monash – 19 07 23

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Scout secretary, A.J. Green, presented with swastika – 19 07 23b

Cambridgeshire Regiment – how it fought in the Great War, exclusive story by 'Fen Tiger' – 19 07 23c, d, e

1919 07 30

## 1919 August

1919 08 06

Soldiers on strike. At a meeting of the Cambridge War Pensions Committee, the story was told of a strike of discharged soldiers undergoing treatment, at the Papworth Tuberculosis Colony. Dr Aldren Wright told the committee that on July 2 something not quite satisfactory occurred with regard to the food. There had been a little dissatisfaction before, and on this occasion they asked the Superintendent. (Dr. Varrier-Jones) to receive a deputation. Mr Varrier-Jones said he would quite willing to listen to the individual complaints but would not interview them collectively. Three representatives however went in to see him and discussed with him the food situation and some words

took place with the result that two of the men were dismissed, and this incident was followed by the whole of the discharged soldiers in the building, with one or two exceptions leaving the same day 19 08 06 CIP

Sewage in Cam; reports says pollution in river near sewage farm. More land needed for filter beds. German labour had been asked for; hope that profits from growing crops will pay for disposal of sewage – 19 08 06e

Refreshment hut on Parker's Piece proposed; should acquire an army hut and place at back of University Arms – debate – 19 08 06f

1919 08 13

Mentioned in dispatches. The son of the Mayor-Elect of Cambridge Coun. G. P. Hawkins, Captain George Hawkins, O.B.E, has again been mentioned in dispatches, this time by Sir Douglas Haig (on March 6 last). Captain Hawkins, who is a Senior Supply Officer with the 3rd Division R.A.S.C. at Cologne, expects to return shortly to take up the position of Managing Director of Messrs. G. P. Hawkins, Ltd. 19 08 13 CIP

1919 08 20

Lucy Harriet Walker worked as VAD nurse – obit – 19 08 20a

Cambridge Chronicle Peace number sold out, reprint issued; 60-page illustrated souvenir with record of Cambridgeshire Regiment and exclusive photos – 19 08 20b

## **1919 September**

First Eastern General Hospital used as temporary housing [3.24]

1909 09 03

Food control committee, instead of ration books card would be issued with counterfoils for meat, butter and sugar – 19 09 03a; new shopping cards to replace ration books – 19 09 03b

Sale of army horses at Cattle Market. The present shed was erected in 1908; Grain & Son increasing their horse sale but object to them allowing purchasers to try horses and mules in harness on Sundays – 19 09 03a

1919 09 10

Naval officer staying at a college was stripped, tarred and feathered and chained to a tree in Harvey Goodwin Road; cause was relationship with another sailor's wife; court martial at EGH – 19 09 10c; photos – 19 09 17a; trial 19 09 17b

First Eastern General huts to be converted into houses; 120 applications already received. One long ward to accommodate 16 small families; divided by concrete slabs – 19 09 10b

1919 09 17

Tar and Feathers Case. A further incident in what is known popularly as the "tar and feathering case" aroused widespread interest on Wednesday. A lieutenant of the Royal Engineers appeared before a court martial at Cambridge on a charge of assaulting a civilian on or about June 6. The nature of the assault alleged against the accused was that he stripped the civilian of his clothing tarred and feathered him, fastened a heavy chain round his neck and with this chain fastened him to a tree in Harvey Road, Cambridge. The drama of the eternal triangle was submitted by the defence. It was slated that the finding of the court would be promulgated. 19 09 17 CIP

1919 09 24

Tar and Feather Court Martial. Sentence was promulgated at Cambridge on Saturday in the recent "Tar and Feathering" court martial. The court found Lt. Wright guilty of the offence and sentenced him to be reprimanded. Lt. Wright, who received a message over the phone from the A.P.M. that the finding of the court had been sent on from Eastern Command, arrived at the A.P.M. offices in Regent Street about midday. In the presence of Major Minchener, O.C., 6th Company, Royal Fusiliers (to which company Lt. Wright was attached for the purpose of the court martial) the finding of the court was read out by Major Braithwaite-Wallis. Both officers shook hands with Lt. Wright, who expressed himself very satisfied with the result. He said later: "From beginning to end the tar and feathering cost me £12. I have never spent £12 so satisfactorily." 19 09 24 CIP

VAD in Cambs; notable record of work in days of peace and war, by Alex Wood – detailed account – 19 09 24b

### 1919 October

1919 10 01

First Eastern General Hospital huts – work progresses – 19 10 01e

1910 10 15

Valuable Pigeons Shot. Horning pigeons, which had done useful work as message carriers in the naval and military pigeon services during the war, had recently been wantonly shot, and a strong protest was made by the local owners at the annual general meeting of the Cambridge and District Flying Society on Saturday evening. The National Homing Union have had the matter of this destruction of the birds under consideration for some time, and the co-operation of the public is sought in connection with their protection. It is pointed out that the shooting of the pigeons constitutes an offence under the Defence of the Realm Regulations 19 10 15 CIP

Coming up – influx of students – during past few days has shown all the pre-war activity; students whose study interrupted by war have resumed education; arrival undergraduates coincided with ending of rail strike; Prince Albert and Prince Henry motored from Buckingham Palace to 'Southacre', Latham Road – 19 10 15a photo Royals 19 10 15b

1910 10 22

Frank Fyson on trial for attempted murder of his wife and attempted suicide Christ's Pieces; he from Warboys and had toured with the VC Cockerel – 19 10 22e

First Eastern General Hospital huts being converted to dwellings - photos – 19 10 22d

1919 10 29

Munitions Ministry robbed. Wholesale thefts of Government property were described at the Shire Hall, Cambridge, on Saturday morning, when four prisoners were charged with stealing bedding, bedsteads, and various other articles the property of the Ministry of Munitions. In the corridors outside the County Divisional Police Court were heaps of blankets, sheets, pillows, bed ticks and iron bedsteads, and inside the court was another miscellaneous collection of articles, which were exhibits in the case. The bulk of the property was stolen from the Coprolite 'Works at Trumpington, but a number of the articles had been removed from, the munitions works at Gretna Green, and conveyed by the prisoners to Trumpington. The thefts were admitted and three of the prisoners were sent to gaol. The fourth offender—a lad of 15—was bound over. 19 10 29a

Cambridgeshire Regiment reunion parade and Guildhall dinner – photos – 19 10 29b

## **1919 November**

1919 11 05

Cambridge provisional limb depot began last January, a workshop established by Red Cross Society; provides light peg legs for amputees – 19 11 05b

1919 11 12

1919 11 19

Cambridgeshire Suffolk Regiment homecoming – a splendid fighting record – 19 11 19b; photos – 19c

1919 11 26

Presentation. Col. H J. Edwards, C.B., C.B.E., has retired from the command of the Cambridge University Officers Training Corps, He has been associated with the Volunteer movement for 31 years, and for 18 years commanded the C.U.O.T.C. Col. L. H. Thornton has succeeded Colonel Edwards in the command of the Corps – feature – 19 11 26a

## **1919 December**

1919 12 03

Women's Land Army demobilisation conference at Cambridge; National Association of Land Women set up as successor and to assist in agriculture – 19 12 03b

1919 12 10

Cambridgeshire Suffolk's undying faming – three years continuous fighting; splendid war record – feature – 19 12 10a, 10b

1919 12 17

First Eastern General Hospital – first tenants move in – 19 12 17a photos – 19 12 17c

Munitions tribunal – carpenters claim arrears of pay – 19 12 17b

Bolshevik propaganda in Cambridge; was meeting ... tissue of lies ... extract from pamphlet – 19 12 17d

1919 12 24

Cambridge and the Belgians – account of refugees – detailed report – 19 12 24a

Armistice marked by impressive ceremony, unseemly rag in evening [3.16]

Red Cross thanked for war work - 80,000 patients transported from station to hospitals by VADs without a mishap [3.17]

1919 12 31

A Real Peace Christmas. Quite the old Christmas spirit - absent during the terrible years of war - seemed to prevail everywhere this Yuletide, our first real Peace Christmas for five years. The only noticeable change from pre-war festivals was the dwindling popularity of Christmas cards, small gifts apparently taking their place. Another feature was the exceptionally large number of carol parties who went round this Christmas collecting on behalf of benevolent and philanthropic objects. Most church choirs organised parties and the response met was most generous and encouraging. More than ever, the festive season appealed to the children. It was the first Christmas upon, which many had had their fathers home with them during the period since the war broke out. The delights of Christmas shopping, or the rollicking Christmas parties, and of Boxing Day visits, were never the same when

"daddy was away," and with him home again everything tended to make the present occasion the happiest of their lives. 19 12 31 CIP

Addenda

1920

Cambridgeshire Volunteers of the Great War officially disbanded – services remembered; guarded bridges & an aeroplane when sentries sank up to their waists in snow drifts - CDN 20 02 21

Union of Democratic Control attempted to hold 'Bolshevik' meeting but disrupted by undergraduates; senior proctor, T.R. Glover, hit by flour bomb; speaker Norman Angell rescued by police – Ch 20 02 03d

From outbreak of war have been pacifists proclaiming against action taken against Germans who would have moved heaven and earth to bring war to early conclusion. They possess not a spark of British pluck ... led Cambridge gaining reputation as hotbed of Pacifism. University tried to stop this vile work; now opposition to such pro-German propaganda and return of pacifist Bertrand Russell to Trinity. Should prohibit pacifist meetings – Ch 20 03 10d

Cherry Hinton Military Hospital patients get out of institution – questions to military – Ch 20 03 10b

Gas Company workmen return from war – Ch 20 04 14c

Training disable soldiers – 100 in classes for diamond cutting, clock repairing, jewellery, carpentry and joinery and bespoke tailoring; men come from around the country - CDN 20 07 13

Training of the disabled; how Cambridge war heroes are treated - Ch 20 09 08

Post Office war memorial, details – Ch 20 09 15c, d

Large German field gun offered as war memorial at Shire Hall but this would obstruct entrance; two trench mortars could be put under the portico at either side and would not take too much trouble to keep clean – both rejected - CDN 20 12 20

Cherry Hinton Road military hospital sale wooden huts etc; buyers Ely county council, Cambridge Steam Laundry, Cambridge Gas Company – Ch 20 11 24

Four national kitchens bill presented council; lost £200 – Ch 20 12 15

1921

Jesus College large German gun trophy captured and transported to Caius College – 21 11 16d, 16e

1922

Something more than a talking-to ought to be administered to the boys who have committed so much wilful damage to the remains of the Barnwell Military Hospital adjoining the Newmarket-road just beyond the Cambridge Borough boundary. For some reason the boiler house and one complete section of the wooden hutments have been left, apparently totally uncared for, and are rapidly going to wreck and ruin. The site of the hospital, overgrown with weeds and littered with debris, forms a happy hunting ground for children who are able to get through the gap where the gates used to be. The bolder and most mischievous of the boys have found the remaining buildings a tempting target for stones, and scarcely a pane of glass remains undamaged c22 07 22

1924

When the list of Cambridgeshire men who fell in the war was being compiled for the Memorial Chapel in Ely Cathedral there were many expressions of regret that the Borough itself had no official

record of names. Most of the parishes have their own lists but there is no complete list of Cambridge names other than the sheet published at a popular price by the C.D.N. some two or three years ago, and now to be seen in the Free Library. Now there is a proposal for the provision of a roll of names in the Guildhall c24 07 29

The deepest regret will be felt at the death of Mrs A.C. Steward, wife of the Master of Downing college. From its foundation in the dark days of 1915 she was the life and soul of the Cambridge Tipperary Club which did much to help and cheer the sorrow-stricken women of Cambridge during the anxious years of war-time, ever-ready to advise and console. When peace came they continued the club to be a centre of social enjoyment and of mutual improvement for all women without distinction of class, creed or political opinion c24 11 17

1926

A deeply moved audience cheered and sang when some forty local heroes of the Great Retreat, some in uniform and all wearing their medals, lined the stage at the conclusion of the first performance of "Mons", the great war film, at the Central Cinema, Cambridge. It was a memorable scene and showed very clearly how much Cambridge admired the part they played in the immortal episode. By special invitation 100 men of the Cambridgeshire Regiment also witnessed the performance. Some of the Cinema staff saw war service and were displaying their medals. "Buttons" sold his chocolates and cigarettes wearing two medals won by his father, who was killed in the war c26 11 14

1933

First Eastern General Hospital reunion – 33 03 04d

1935

Sir Alfred James Ewing of Herschel Road, Cambridge, was the brains behind the famous 'Room 40'. When the Great War began he was asked to undertake the task of collecting and deciphering enemy messages. Numerous listening stations were set up on the East coast at which enemy fleet signals and other wireless messages were received. From December 1914 the German Fleet made no movement which was not known in advance. The work was probably the best-kept secret of the war and the full story has never been told for he was refused permission to deal with it in his reminiscences 35 01 07a

1935

One of the most remarkable re-unions on record has been enacted in a tiny cottage at Home End, Fulbourn when a man who had been reported 'missing' after the Armistice came face to face with his wife who had long thought him dead. They were married at Burrough Green in 1900 and he enlisted in the Army Ordnance Corps before being posted to India. Still suffering from loss of memory, he is unable to give an account of his movements since the war. It was a great shock for his wife when he stood on the doorstep as she had believed him dead for about 17 years. Now she has notified the Post Office regarding the widow's pension she has been receiving. 35 02 11

1937

Sir - What we have come to know as the Cambridge War Memorial was part of a three-fold memorial scheme which embraced a substantial grant to Addenbrooke's Hospital for extension work, a complete record in Ely Cathedral of the names of local men killed in the war or who died from wounds and the monument at the junction of Station Road. This was to commemorate all Cambridgeshire infantry and should be 'To Victory'. It was not to be a memorial to the dead but to the *living*. It is for this reason that we who pass the memorial do not lift our hats as we do at the Cenotaph in London – E.W.R. 37 05 20

1958

Eastern General Hospital reunion – 58 03 15a

1986

First Eastern General Hospital – Ernest Gill memories – 86 07 12

